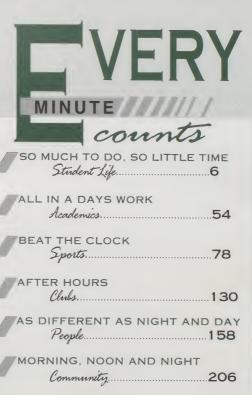


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Half a lap ahead of his rival classes, Brad Brauer, senior, receives a watermelon from lan Baggett, senior, at the pep rally. As Brad breaks away, lan celebrates the forthcoming victory. Whether scrambling at the bell or running with a greased watermelon, students found that every minute counts.





Some NING THE PROBLEM
To get a grasp on polar equations, Amy
Stover, junior, runs through a trigonometry program in the computer lab.
For the first time, teachers introduced Columbia Avenue construction ob-stacles during the Homecoming parade. The summer road work lasted into mid-October, forcing stu-dents to re-route their paths to school and allow for extra driving time. math students to electronic equipment, such as Macintosh computers and graphing calculators, in order to provide high-tech experiences.









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T'S ABOUT TIME

"I CAN'T BELIEVE THAT I'M ALREADY BACK

at school and I have no clue of what to do or where to go because of this foreign schedule - oh no! I only have 30 seconds to get to class..."

On Aug. 24, Four days Earlier Than

the year before, 1,128 "freshmen" returned to school. Puzzled by the newly initiated Advisory period and quickly accumulating tardies due to the morning road construction on Columbia Avenue, students felt like guinea pigs in an experiment that not even the administrators fully understood.

counts

"... WHY IS THE BELL RINGING?

What do you mean that they shortened classes by three minutes? What's this 'advisory' thing some type of romper room? And wait, whatever happened to 'C' lunch?..."

// WITH THE DESIGN TEAM'S PLAN

intact, renovated schedules included a 26minute Advisory period for announcements, Student Government voting, and surveys that

previously took time from the day, while it excluded one of the three former lunches.

"... WOW, WAS LUNCHED PACKED! I BARELY had time to eat after waiting in the Pasta Bar line for 17 minutes. And what was that makeover in the cafeteria-I mean, Food Court-baby blue and peach?! It's 12:52 p.m., thank goodness only one hour left...what? We only get out an hour early on Wednesdays? And that means no Advisory either? What is this Resource Hour?..."



Homecoming,

senior, video tapes the pep

rally. Whether taking pictures of friends or saving

short-lived events into lifelong

memories

students often ran to class in order to avoid unwanted penalties

OR ALL IT'S WORTH//

As WEDNESDAY CONFUSION SET IN, students rushed to Advisory period only to learn that they had to run back to North Hall in 30 seconds to avoid being late for third hour. Not only did Wednesday eliminate three additional minutes from each hour and the Advisory period, but it also left a 51-minute Resource Hour for socializing, eating or getting a head start on homework before the night's television line-up.

second hour Hoekema, junior, throws clay into a vase at the pottery ered timing's importance, if they took too long, the clay would become

"TIME TO GO TO MR. WHAT'Shis-name's class in - wait, was that the bell? What do you mean you need to see my Student ID? But, I'm just a few minutes late and now I get a detention? You aren't actually serious that one percent will be subtracted from my grade if I skip it...ugh..."

counts

FOOD COURT RENOVATIONS, GRAPHING calculators and 13 new teachers made even the once familiar school look like a different planet.

"Now if ONLY I CAN GET OUT OF SOUTH parking lot before the line forms... Finally, this nightmare is over."

TWO NEW SUBDIVISIONS INCREASED THE population but decreased the cafeteria attendants patience. From students to staff, the dozens of changes made it obvious that... EVERY MINUTE COUNTS.









QUICK PRINT Erikson, sophomore, and Bob Schmiedl, junior, hurry to print their speech class resumés in the writing lab. Working with definite deadlines efficiently in order to fulfill classwork responsibilities







BREAK IN THE NORM During Resource Hour, freshmen Jeff Semko, Meisam Moghbelli and John

NEW TWIST bying curly fries in the Food Court, Jen Gillam, freshman, and Jessica Adams, junior, take advantage of the a la carte line. Menu additions offered





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since my best friend has the lead. How can I possibly squeeze all of this into the entire week, let alone 57 hours?"

DUE TO "INCREASED

vandalism," the community forced students to feel the long and the short of the "Wonderful World of Disney" when float moved to school during the final week of preparation for the 12-minute parade.

EARNING AT LEAST MINIMUM wage, employed students made \$4.25 an hour. The average paycheck vanished for all it was worth within minutes of entering stores, as students spent 10 hours of hardearned cash on a new pair of jeans.

WHETHER RATTING A GOLD

foil wig for a chance at a Reese's Peanut Butter Cup or singing "Frosty the Snowman" to neighbors while the snow fell on bundled-up bodies, students celebrated holidays worrying about their highfashion images...not in the least.

WITH PROM NOSEGAYS TO PICK UP, messy bedrooms to clean up and missed dentist appointments to make up, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week was just not enough, proving there was simply...SO MUCH TO DO, SO LITTLE TIME.

PEKWith only a few minutes of float left, Jennifer Nellans, sophomore, rushes with the rest of her class to finish Figaro, the cat. Because float construction took place at school, the administration set last night time limit of 3 a.m. and

baker's dozen

Satisfying their hunger in the morning. Trisha Kress and Shawna Smith, seniors, make a quick stop at Mister Donut to purchase coffee and donuts from Mike Zubay, sophomore. Rather then sleeping in on weekends, going out to breakfast provided a pleasant start for the day.





brush up

After finishing his breakfast, Tony Bazarko, sophomore, gets ready for school by brushing his teeth. Students allowed extra time in the morning for personal grooming to make themselves presentable for classmates.





Needing to finish duties before school, important obligations lead to

early risers

or some students, the time between getting up and going to school flew by, while others felt that it dragged on forever. No matter how fast or slow, everyone had their own morning rituals to carry them through the early hours.

Widely known as an 'essential part of every morning,' breakfast provided stu-

dents energy to help them during the day. Of those who ate breakfast, many habitually enjoyed their favorite foods. "I always ate Eggominis," Mike Jez, junior, said, "I had been eating them every day for the last year

long vs. short "As soon as parasites start living on my face, that's when I know it's time to shave." Jon Finerty, senior

know how I got suckered into it."

In addition to chores, other responsibilities occupied morning time. Some students woke up early in order to complete unfinished homework. "I usually took the bus and got to school around 7:15 a.m. so I could do my homework," Jen Puntillo, sophomore, said.

> also rose early to come fulfill various scholastic obligations. The "zero hour" classes, Project Biology and Orchestra, began at 6:50 a.m. every day. "Getting up early wasn't all that bad, because Project Bio was a fun class."

Karl Bilimoria.

early riser

junior, uses the last minutes before school to Trigonometry an exam. Students often ran out of time the night before, morning sleep to necessary

and a half." Although eating breakfast seemed like an appropriate way to occupy the morning, skipping the meal proved an alternative as well. "Sometimes I went to McDonald's for coffee, but I never ate breakfast," Debby Fleck, senior, said. "Usually, I didn't have time and I wasn't hungry anyway."

Going without breakfast freed a few minutes, allowing students to do extra things in the morning, such as household chores. "I had to make my bed every morning, because my mom made me," Amy Bohling, sophomore, said. "If I ate breakfast, I probably wouldn't have had time."

From ordinary bed-making to other less-common tasks, students found their parents expecting them to complete a wide range of chores before they left the house. "I had to feed my puppy and take her out every morning," Kristin Apato, junior, said. "It was such a pain; I don't junior, said.

Expected to arrive at school by 6 a.m., members of the Boys' and Girls' Swim Teams often spent minimal time getting ready to go to practice. "I woke up 20 minutes before practice started," Matt Fulk, junior, said. "I just threw on my clothes, put on a hat, and left."

Although most students knew what to expect from their mornings, they always seemed to find themselves needing more time. On the other hand, many teachers used their mornings to relax. "I pushed my snooze button until 5:30 a.m. every morning so then I'd still have time to read and drink my coffee," Mrs. Linda Elman, Spanish teacher, said.

Those without morning rituals often thought others' insignificant. However, students with routines found their habits providing some type of organization and order to their lives.



spread it on

Before catching some shut eye, Abby Levin, sophomore, fixes a peanut butter and jelly sandwich. Students satisfied their hunger before turning in to help tide them over until morning.



clean sweep

To have a clear driveway in the morning, Chris Maurer, senior, shovels the flakes. After the first snow, students shoveled to prevent delays in the morning.







night tails

Before dozing off, Andy Mikus, freshman, pets his dog, Misty. Pets helped students relax before going to sleep and also served as a wake up call in the morning.



After a rough school day, students rolled into bed after encountering

nighttails

Colling over after hitting the alarm clock for the third time, the sleepy-head dragged himself out from under the warm covers and began to get ready for the day ahead.

Hoping to avoid the need of jumping out of bed the second the alarm went off, many students began preparing the night before. "I

was always paranoid that I wouldn't wake up on time, so I would shower at night," Cathie Capic, senior, said. "Then in the morning, I'll shower again if I have time."

When paranoia stimulated students to wake up early, students discov-

terits disclovered that preparing for school the night before helped save time in morning. "I always set my clothes out for the next day sol didn't feel so much pressure in the morning," Erica Lesniak, junior, said. "Also, I liked to go slow and take my time. I hated being rushed."

late night

Still sitting at her desk at midnight, Chrisi Mead, junior, finishes up the last of her U.S. History homework. Students sacrificed regular sleeping hours when bogged down with homework. Other students found themselves preoccupied with morning practices, unfinished homework from the night before, or just lounging around. "After school I usually had practice, which took a lot of time and energy," Keith Thomas, sophomore, said. "When I got home, I tried to get my homework done and maybe watch TV, then I went to sleep."

When motivation lacked. some students had a hard time hitting the books in the evening. "When I was tired or just too lazy to do homework, I sometimes Iaid down and listened to the radio or talked on the phone," John Bogucki, senior,

Bogucki, senior, said. "But I always tried to make an honest effort to do what I had to."

Falling asleep sometimes posed a problem for students who bottled up energy before bedtime. "In order for me to get to sleep, I had to tire myself out," Donny Buikema, freshman said. "Usually I went running, lifted weights, or some type of workout."

Climbing into a cold bed, the exhausted student sets his alarm clock for the next day and shut his tired eyes, forgetting about his unfinished homework and long day.

long vs. short

"I can't stand working because I have no time to sleep,"

Mara Pacyga, senior

sticking it out

As the clock ticks, Dan Tabion and Joe Florzak, juniors, secure their second place float, Thumper. Although float took place in the high school, deterring from the 'all night 'tradition, students completed their floats by the set time of 3 a.m. on Thursday.

cutting edge

After the homecoming parade, Sarah, Noel, freshman, helps remove decorations from the freshmen cheerleader car. Homecoming festivities kicked off with the pep rally beginning at 11a.m. and lasted until 11 p.m. Saturday night.

floating away

Rollerblading by the senior's float, Jen Warda, senior, watches Mickey Mouse roll to a first place finish. The seniors also won spirit and window painting.











crunch

With only a smear of an "M" left on his cheek, Mike Zubay, sophomore, quickly fluffs the last flowers of Figaro's paw. Anxious to see the finished product, Sophomore Class members rushed to complete the float minutes before the

parade began

Feeling the pressure, classes buckle down as float drifts into

crunghytinge

with only two weeks to spare, the crunch to complete float added to everyday pressures. With schoolwork and extracurriculars on their minds, students balanced their time in order to make ends meet.

As thoughts on how to budget energy ran through their heads, students quickly

learned that they had to make trade-offs. "I basically went out on nights that I didn't have much homework," Meghan Woodrick, sophomore, said. "I knew if I went out on nights I

had homework, I would put it off and my grades would slip."

Not only did students have to manage their time differently, but class sponsors had to readjust their schedules also. "With float running from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., 1 had no time at home," Mrs. Marylou Popa, Junior Class sponsor, said. "When it was moved to the high school it made things a lot better, but then you had to get everything done at home after 10 p.m."

One dilemma that came with float included the possibility of cancellation and the movement of construction. "I was getting complaints from some of the sponsors that there were problems," Dr. Kevin McCaffrey, principal, said. "From spying on other floats, to drive by egg and waterballoon tosses, the destruction grew worse and worse."

With the seniors in the

Fieldhouse storage area, the juniors in the Auditorium's backstage, and the sophomores in the Automotive garage, the atmosphere changed. "If thought going to float at school was more of a burden, but once I saw the finished product, I was amazed," Carolyn Lukas, junior, said.

Not all views had such a positive outlook. "Nobody cared anymore; it

ruined all the fun," Brian Eldridge, junior, said. "Before, float was a way to be involved with school, but not be at school."

Although many criticisms surfaced, class float competition still existed. "It really didn't affect the turnout because we still got every-

thing done on time that we needed to get done anyway," Brad Vliek, junior, said.

After devoting many weeks of time and energy, students completed the floats in time for the parade. "I thought the parade was so much fun, I just wish it lasted a little bit longer," Tiffany Sigalis, senior, said. "We worked so hard and it lasted only about two hours."

Even though the freshmen could not participate in the float competition, they supported the upperclassmen at the parade. "I thought the floats were pretty cool," Wes Gribas, freshman, said. "I can't wait to be involved with it next year."

Eager students watched their floats file into South lot and boasted as others commented on their attractive appearances. The parade came to a close as did the hectic schedules.

"I'm gonna cut back on stuff to give you because we wouldn't want education to get in the way of float,"

Mr. Bob Wendall, math teacher Decked out in red and white, students shower their

Class IN ARMS

long vs. short

"If the 'Super Fans'

'Stangs,' instead of

asking for sausage,

roasted cardinal,"

Ieff Bendis, senior

were doing 'da

they'd ask for

ngaged in the halftime celebrations, students recalled long hours spent in preparation for shortlived Homecoming festivities.

Spirit Week, Sept. 21 through Sept. 25, played a major role in the Homecoming activities. Student Government members brainstormed to formulate Spirit Week

ideas and pep

rally events. "We had a committee to decide everything, but it was difficult for everyone to agree," Student Body President Sal Karottki, senior, said "We also had to consider what people

would be willing to do, so that wiped out half of our ideas."

Boxer Day kicked off the week, followed by Unique Footwear Day on Tuesday. Wednesday had students donning college-wear, while Disney Day brought out Mickey ears on Thursday. Students finished Spirit Week by dressing in red and white. "The Spirit Week ideas were original, but I don't think enough people dressed up," Judy Sun, junior, said.

Friday's hour-long pep rally included final efforts to motivate the team to beat the East Chicago Cardinals. With events ranging from the first-ever "worm" race to the annual tug-of-war, students exhibited their class spirit. "The freshmen were pretty competitive, due to it being their first year and all," Mike Zubay, sophomore, said. "We were excited, too, because we beat the jun-

iors in the tug-of-war."

Making a clean sweep, the seniors dominated by capturing float, class spirit and t-shirt design. "Winning was like the icing on the cake," Pat Mesterharm, senior, said. "It's something we seniors have been looking forward to.'

Halftime finally arrived, and the

court, paired with strolled across the field. Students cast their votes for the court two weeks earlier. "The voting took place earlier this vear to make it easier for the candidates and their parents," Student Government sponsor Mrs. Nancy New-

comb. business teacher, said. "It wasn't so last-minute.

The three nominees for Homecoming Queen, Nicole Llewellyn, Wendy Wilke and Sara Langen, seniors, concerned themselves with making one final impression before the Queen was crowned. "I didn't hear them call my name, because I was arguing with Sal," Sara said. "Then I looked up and saw everyone running at me."

Although short and quick, the long-awaited Homecoming festivities demonstrated that hard work on floats and community windows paid off in the long run.

one last tug

With a final burst of energy, Kristan Hatton, Mandy Blees and Erin Fech, seniors, strive to defeat the Junior Class in the tug-of-war competition. Although the iors beat other classes, they failed to pull past the faculty team.



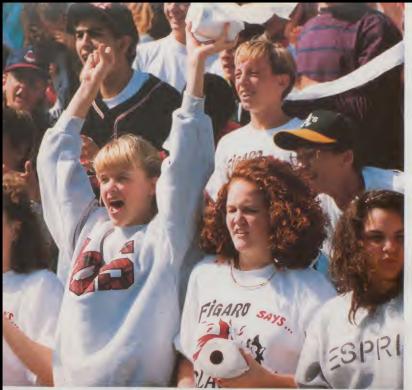


of encourage

their faces, classes exemplified unity as













queen's court

After winning Queen, Sara Langen, with Sal Karottki, awaits her crown. The Court held sophomore princess Nikki Bartok with Tom McMahon, senior princess Nendy Wilke with Chad Bohling, Junior-Sara with Sal; senior princess Niciole Llewellyn with Shawn Smith, senior; junior princess Ashley Wasem with Chris Tomeo, Junior, and freshman princess Katie Frazier with Ryan Boliek, sophomore.

Wishing upon a star, pairs aim for a perfect night and orin as rain causes a

long vs. short

"When you pick

which one you want

Bethany Moritz,

iunior

to go with, do you

think I can have

your left over?"

ushed students anxiously scribbled down lists of things to do as the Homecoming dance drew near. In some cases, the number of "to do's" exceeded the number of minutes in the day.

Scrambling through racks of dresses and searching for

accesories, frantic girls strove to find perfect combinations. "I must have tried on 30 dresses in two weeks before I foundone, Alison Stalmack, sophomore, said

As the 226 couples entered the Commons on Sept. 28,

many admired the 18-foot castle as well as the shimmering navy and silver balloons. "We spent a lot of time on the castle, but it all paid off," Student Government member Natalie Anzur, senior, said. "Judging from the reaction of others, evervone seemed to be impressed."

With the dance ending at 11 p.m., an extended curfew accommodated

> the activities arranged. "My parents trust my judgement, so they told me that was old enough to know a sensible time to be home," Jamie Ward, senior, said.

When the evening ended. tiredstudents thought of the weeks they prepared and realized that their appre-

double take

After days of searching, Katie Frazier, freshman, dress in hopes of achieving look. Many visited store after store before finding



hats on

Upon arriving to the dance, Steve Zimmerman, junior; Chris Diederich, senior, and Ryan Boilek, sor look for U2's "Actung Baby."With songs ranging from "Jump Around" to "Wonderful Tonight," students had a variety of choices

touching up

As a few loose strands begin to fall, Susie Boyle, junior, fixes junior Susie Baretz's hair. After spending hours on pre-dance preparations, students brought along everything from combs to compacts in order to preserve their original look.











shake that body

With music ranging from Sir-Mix-A-Lot to the Connells, Michelle Segeleon and Rom Magliola, Juniors, show off their moves. Students danced from 7 to 11 p.m. to a variety of tunes provided by Channel Z.

stepping out

Taking a break from the dance floor, Jason Doherty and Nora Lasbury, sophomores, discuss their after-dance plans. With 226 couples in the commons, students stepped aside in order to have quiet conversations with dates. Finding their cash supply low, some students take on chores, leaving things

SPREFLECTIONS

for all it's worth

"When you have no

money, 25 cents takes

on a new significance

that it never had be-

Natalie Bacha, junior

fore,"

Whether the cash flow came with ease or complete sacrifice, students discovered that budgeting money seemed mandatory. With only a few bucks to get by on, they had little room for splurging. In order to maintain a balanced

checkbook, some students realized

that a job provided an easy and obvious money-making method. "Even though I sometimes missed out on some of the fun, I didn't mind working because there was no other way to earn money for spending,"

Tim Balasia, senior, said.

For lucky students, parents provided needed funds in exchange for household tasks. Sometimes the effortless task occasionally required a small commitment. "My parents ordinarily gave me money whenever I needed it." Sara Weaver, sophomore, said. "But, I had to help around the house."

Once students earned their wages, most tried to spend them wisely. Instead of dishing out full price, students waited for discounts in attempt to stretch their money. "When I went shopping I normally

headed straight to the sale rack to see if I could spot a good deal," Kristin Apato, junior, said.

Limited money supply and social restricitons often went hand in hand. "My parents gave me an allowance, but once I spent it, I was forced to sit at home with friends

doing whatever," Leslie Hernandez, freshman, said.

Prioritizing their social funds allowed students to pick and choose their activities. Sacrificing a few trips to Burger King in order to see the newly released flick proved beneficial. "I got too

bored if I stayed home; so in order to go out as I please, I would just cut back on another expense," Pete Ronco, junior, said.

Whether students filled their wallets with the help of work and toil or simply generous relatives, students sought out ways to get the most for their money.

small change

Depositing a quarter into the candy machine, Susie Manous, freshman, exchanges her remaining lunch money to satisfy her sweet tooth. Some students opted for a snack rather than saving their money.

spic'n span

Hurrying to finish her Saturday chores, Julie Fekete, freshman, wipes a mirror clean. Moneyhungry students completed tedious tasks to







bag it

To earn an extra buck, Cheryl Kras,
junior, loads groceries into a customer's
trunk. From working in a grocery store
to landscaping yards, students worked
different jobs to obtain spending money.



cashing in

Saving her money for a later date, Kellen
Rogan, senior, deposits money into the
bank. Students set their money aside to
make unnecessary spending impossible.



Spirits dampened by the snow revitalize as couples enter the Hollywood

STAR STRUCK

for all it's worth

"It doesn't matter

he's wearing

him,"

what he looks like, if

Drakkar I'll go with

Stephanie Rudd,

sophomore

ather than using a song, the theme, "A Night with the Stars," decided upon by the cheerleaders, took on the Hollywood glamour as couples entered the dance underneath a balloon arch.

With the dance scheduled later than usual, the long awaited March

MINUTES OF FAME

13 date finally arrived. "Since the dance was so late in the year, I guess it made me a little more excited once it finally came," Julie Kirsch, senior, said

The dance moved to the Commons which provided more room for the 249 couples in atten-

dance. "I liked it better in the Commons because there was more room to dance and the cafeteria was always too crowded," Julie Dunn, sophomore, said.

With a custom-made photo background, the decoration cost totaled \$2000. "I especially liked the star balloons with everyone's names on the walls," David Depa, junior, said.

Channel Z played an assortment of favorites and requests ranging from "Rump Shaker" by Wrex 'n Efx to "I Will Always Love You" by Whitney Houston. "They played too many songs I had never heard of, but it was still a good time," Brad Sparber, senior, said.

Between manicures and dress fittings, teens took hours to achieve the look of perfection. "Including all of the trips to the mall and to the tanning salon, I really spent a lot of time

preparing," Kay Watson, freshman, said. "Since dances only come around a couple of times a year, I wanted to look my best."

Following the dance, couples finished off the evening with dinner in the Windy City or caught a late

night movie. "After the dance, we drove up to Chicago, got lost and drove back," Natalie Yuraitis, junior, said. "It was horrible."

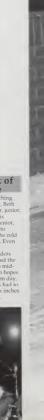
As the last song ended and the dance came to a close, couples headed out the door into the snowy weather to finish off their evening with the stars.

give me an "m"

Showing off their moves, Amanda Brown and Jen Bieszczat, juniors, along with their

walk of fame

Approaching the door, Beth escape the cold cheerleaders











pin it up

To hide the board, Cathy Lukas, junior, covers the glass with foil paper. To achieve a Hollywood-like look, cheerleaders spent

kodak moment

Stepping aside, sophomores Keith Thomas and Jeff Dumakowski, and Jill Heaney, and Jeff Dumakowski, and Jill Heaney, freshman, wait for Jen Kenar, freshman, to snap a shot of Therese Keslin, sophomore, and Cassie Pence, freshman. Students brought cameras in hopes of capturing the







fashionably late

Unsure of where to go, David Depa and Pam Wesner, juniors, receive directions as cheerleading sponsor Nancy Skoronski points the way to the coat room The

open arms

While engaged in a slow dance, Heather Moses, freshman, along with her date Tim Sopko join other couples on the dance floor. Channel Z provided a variety of tunes in order to please all music tastes.

Although the auditorium fills to maximum capacity, competitors make it look as

easynakehop

for all it's worth

"After Battle we

have a three year

Scandinavia and the

Anthony Carrara,

tour of Europe,

subcontinent."

with a new judging format, a high-tech light show and sound system, and a sold-out crowd, the eighth annual Battle of the Bands got underway with a bang.

Five bands, consisting of Boboli, Spastic Children, Abaddon, Mighty Matt and the Magic Tones and Criminal Justice, competed for the

\$100 first prize and the \$50

second prize.

A new format, which featured six members of local professional bands, aided the faculty and Student Government members in deciding on a winner. "The pro-

ner. "The professional judges made the voting more effective, because they were able to judge based on quality, not personal appeal," Student Government sponsor Mrs. Dana Darr, English teacher, said.

In addition, Student Government rented a high-tech lighting show and sound system for approximately \$3200. "The price was worth it because it provoked a lot of enthusiasm," Student Body President Tim Bognar, junior, said.

After the sale of 1,000 Battle tickets, the bands played for a sold-out crowd, which caused anxiety for the administration. "The potential for problem is always there," Mr. Jack King, Dean of Students, said. "In a

situation like this, it was easy for things to get out of hand real fast."

In the end, Abaddon proved victorious, while Mighty Matt and the Magic Tones came in second. "We tried to play what the crowd liked, not just stuff we thought would win,"

BJ Palmer, sophomore, said.

senior

With a variety of talent displayed at Battle, everyone in attendance left with a memorable night.

get it together

Keeping in sync with the drum beat, Dan Tabion, junior, strums his guitar. Along with its ten members, Mighty Matt and the Magic Tones captured second place.

easy as

Following the footsteps of the Jackson Five, Boboli members Tim Glennon, freshman; Brad Wilek, junior; Rob Diezi, senior; Bob Tracy, junior; and Mike Stewart, senior, Bob Tracy, junior; and Mike Stewart, senior, Bob Tracy, junior; and Mike Stewart, senior, bearing their medition of "Come Backet Stewart, senior, Bob Tracy, junior; and Mike Stewart, senior, bearing in Battle displayed talents in music ranging from metal to discrepance of the senior senior

five string

Playing third in the line-up, Abaddon vocalist BJ Palmer, sophomore, sings Soul Asylum's "Want Somebody to Shove." The first-year group











center stage
Under the spotlight, Spastic Children guitarist Jeremy Keenan, senior, plays "Midnight." Although the Children produced a cassette "Sworn to Secreey," they failed to place in the top two.

spastic fit
Playing in their third Battle, the Spastic
Children try to get the crowd to their
feet. With special effects, the Battle took
on a real concert atmosphere.





bookworm

Spending an afternoon outside, Jeremy Seaver, freshman, catches up on his summer reading. Students who put their reading off to the last minute spent the final days of summer finishing.



read between lines

Hoping that his temperature has returned to normal, Brian Rucinski, sophomore, checks the thermometer one last time. Especially during the winter months, colds and flus prevented students from enjoying their free time out of school.

all that trash

Debate Chicken Barbeque, Jen Pleitner, freshman, empties the garbage. Because the Homecoming game directly followed the BBQ, students missed the





Believe it or not, plans often fall through due to not-so-fun committments...

no kidding

a lthough having fun and going out with friends played a major role in students' lives, social plans often fell through due to prior commitments and unexpected pitfalls.

Previously made arrangements could change at any time as a result of uncontrollable circumstances, but individuals made personal sacrifices in order to accommodate

other responsibilities. "My dad always sprang stuff on me at the last possible minute,' Shirley Goldyn, junior, said. "Even if I had something planned for a week, he would tell me at 4 p.m. that I had to babysit for my little brother and sister."

for all it's worth

"There was nothing like two speeding tickets to kill your

social life,"
Jason Greenbaum,

junior

meet the demands of their parents. "I got grounded for a weekend because of my grades, and all the plans I had made were ruined," Abby Levin, sophomore, said.

Dark clouds and icy streets put a damper on teens' outdoor activities. "We had planned to go ice skating on State St., but when we got downtown, it was five degrees below

> zero," Susie Boyle, junior, said. "We all agreed that it was too cold, and decided we would have to come back another time."

Students did not always have the luxury of unlimited transportation, and underclassmen, especially, faced the difficulty of find-

ing rides from one location to another. "One of my friends usually drove us around, but she went on vacation, so we were stuck with hardly any rides," Kristin Quinn, sophomore, said.

After a spur of the moment errand popped up, students realized that, sometimes, even the most perfect plans required cancelling.

spoon fed

Sacrificing her own social plans, Christy Wiatrowski, senior, spends her Sunday afternoon babysitting for Tyler Morgan. Making extra money proved more important than going out with friends for students who found many ways to earn their own inserts.



With his new puppy Amber needing special attention, Jay Jankus, freshman, spends his afternoon taking care of her. Students with pets took on extra responsibilities that somtimes cut into their own free time.

Sometimes students accepted

punishments when they couldn't









gather around

Resting their feet, Steve Tulowitzki, junior; Carrie Manion, sophomore; Debbie Manuszak, junior; Ed Renwald, junior; Katie Larson, sophomore; and Andy Kulas, junior, get away from the action. With a fun-filled evening ahead, students prepared for a late night return.

up in the air.

Before leaving the dance for post-prom plans. Nine Ricci Guillermo, senior, gathers a few balloons. To remember the dance, students took home souvenirs ranging from picture frames to gold top hats.







Couples celebrating Mardi Gras in the still of the night find they are

old, purple and green balloons and feathered masks decorated the Center for Visual and Performing Arts for the 214 couples attending prom May 15.

Despite a fund shortage, the Junior Class Executive Council (CEC) managed to find enough money to sponsor the dance. "Since our fund raisers didn't turn out, we had no

other choice than to borrow money from the seniors," Junior CEC member loe Florczak, junior, said.

Prom goers dished out \$55 for their tickets which cost students \$5 more than last year's entrance fee. "I liked it better at the Performing

Arts Center because it gives the dance a more formal atmosphere,' Doug Miller, junior, said.

Before dancing the night away, couples dined on salad, chicken with lemon butter sauce, mashed potatoes, green beans and cookies and brownies for dessert. "It was so bad that I gave it to my date and he ended up eating three dinners," Georgina Garcia, senior, said.

For the first time, a new tradition of selecting a prom king and queen

> started. As voters cast their opinion, Sara Langen and Sal Karottki, seniors, stole the crown. "We wanted to start a new tradition to make prom more memorable," Iunior CEC member Patty Heming-

way, said. As the weekend ended, tired students looked forward to sleeping in, realizing that only three weeks of school remained.

for all it's worth

"My dress is spastic. It has a collar and everything,"

> Miranda Zambo, senior

Picking up some hair spray, Carolyn Lukas, junior, runs a last minute errand. With Prom beginning at 6 p.m. and ending at midnight, students rushed to

quick fix

kodak moment Touching up her make-up, Amy Kicho, senior, waits in line with Dan Covert, senior. Wahlberg Photography offered picture packages from \$8 to \$50 for





class action

During Homecoming Spirit Week, Shannon Hamel and Uma Vohra, sophomores, show their class spirit by making posters for the parade. Students devoted time away from regular responsibilities to undertake class duties.

an apple a day

Stopping at Sterk's for her mom, Jaime Hecimovich, junior, picks ingredients for a fruit salad. Once students had their driver's licenses, they took on duties their parents didn't have time for.









drive me crazy

As the bell rings at Elliott Elementary School, Brian Chung, senior, picks up his sister Courtney from school. Students with younger siblings had to arrange their schedules around the daily responsibilities of driving them around.

follow the leader

With his son Ryan as a helping hand, Coach Dave Franklin, science teacher, prepares the field for a game. Having many commitments from watching their own children to coaching, teachers fulfilled duties to the best of their ability.





As teens fulfill their responsibilities, they find that they can finally

breat.

eady to go out for the night, he picked up the car keys and hurried out the door before he could hear the dreaded words, "Before you go out, could you ...?'

From walking the dog to preparing dinner, students had certain jobs that they had to take care of. Although these responsibilities sometimes interfered with social events,

some students didn't mind the occasional annovance as long as it involved an enjoyable activity. "My mom, dad, sisters and brother took turns cooking every night," Ansophomore, said. "I didn't mind when it was my turn because I liked to cook."

breathe

Showering the

junior, devotes a

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complete his

class responsibilities arose,

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easy

Others only opposed the tasks when they conflicted with other plans. "Walking the dog wasn't a hassle unless it was really cold out or my friends were over," Chris Clifford, freshman, said. "I had to worry about what they were doing to my house while I was out walking the dog.

Older students who had their driver's licenses faced other duties. "I really didn't mind driving my sister to school, except when I was running late," Sujata Barai, junior, said. "I really couldn't afford the time it took if I wanted to make it by the minute bell."

Employed students also experienced problems with time but dis-

paycheck made worth it. "When I had to work. I came home and staved up until 1 a.m. to finish my homework," Susan Carlson, junior, said. "Then, when I had my own money because of my job,

Finally completing his task, he grabbed the keys and ran out the door.

said and done

"My parents think I'm super irresponsible because of my grades, but I'm the most responsible guy I know," Gaston Moore, junior

display their product for Nicole took care of Prom fundraising duties by

short change



mommy knows best

With a kiss on the cheek, Helen Brown, School Board president, hands the diploma to her son David. The School Board members rotated their responsibility of handing out diplomas.

hold on

Sharing the excitement of finally graduating, Jason Gardner hugs Debra Fleck in the Commons After-graduation activities included parties for friends and family dinners.









Immediately following the ceremony, Becky Smutzer and Eugene Paik join the seniors and their families in the Commons. The responsibilities didn't end with the ceremony as seniors were required to return stoles, pick up class pictures and say the proper goodbyes.





After four years of high school, 257 graduating seniors reach a

s the clock neared 1 p.m., anticipation grew in the hallway as the Senior Class awaited the band's cue of "Pomp and Circumstance" to enter the Fieldhouse.

After enduring eight semesters of lectures, labs and learning, seniors looked back on their high school experiences. "I couldn't believe it

was over after four long years," Craig Carnagey said

Because of a Supreme Court ruling, the Pledge of Allegiance replaced the traditional prayer. The Athletic Scholars, Amy Brown and

Min Park, led the Pledge. "I don't see the point of having a religious ceremony at graduation," Lisa Saks said. "Throughout high school we hadn't been exposed to prayer, so why should we end our high school

turning point

Anticipating her cue to enter the Fieldhouse Stephanie Blacke from Mr. Scott McAlister, social studies teacher. p.m. to prepare

said and done

"Nobody will care if there's grease under my nails, they won't see it when I get my diploma," Jamal Tarakey,

In their final remarks to the student body, Valedictorian Dorothy Pomroy and Salutatorian lim Zawada left students with a review of the past four years and a glance to the future. "Although we are no longer a part of MHS, MHS will always be a part of us," Jim said.

> The Senior Concert Choir performed their final farewell with the "Anthem of Spring' and "A Whole New World" from "Aladdin." "I looked around and I heard no sopranos singing because all of them were crving," Miranda Zambo said.

Overcoming fears of tripping on the stage, opening an unsigned diploma and shaking the School Board member's hand with a sweaty palm, students' graduation day anxieties gave way to relief. "Look, my diploma was signed and everything," Matt Millies said.

As 257 seniors filed out of the Fieldhouse to the sound of "Rondeau" by Mouret, they prepared to meet a whole new world.

end of the road

As Miranda Zambo, Senior Class president reads the names, seniors waited with Pat Mesterharm, Senior Class vice







center of attention

After Peggy Sawer, played by Kellen Rogan, senior, finally accepts the lead role in "Pretty Lady," the rest of the chorus joins her in celebration. Teamwork played a major role in putting on a successful production, both in the play within the musical and the musical itself.

point the finger To persuade her to return to show

To persuade her to return to show business, director Julian Marsh, played by Sal Karottki, senior, sings the "Lullaby of Broadway" to Peggy Sawyer, played by Kellen Rogan, senior. Because "42nd Street" included so many solos, the cast members spent endless hours walk thing the control to the solose. polishing their singing voices.





After finishing final preparations, the "42nd Street" cast perform their routine

One STOPED IN

apping their way to "42nd Street," the 34 member cast of the spring musical brought audiences a production jam-packed with song and dance.

As the stage took on the bustling atmosphere of a 1930's Broadway theater, the story of Peggy Sawyer, a naive dancer from Allentown, began to unfold. Young and innocent Peggy

traveled to New York, where she experienced both the challenges

and the rewards show business. "The plot was simple, so the audience didn't have to worry about a complicated storyline and could enjoy the dancing,

Jamie Block, junior, said.

people were watching; I wasn't paying

or not."

musical based on Mark Bramble and Micheal Stewart's book, the Drama Department faced a difficult dancing challenge, "Because of the tap numbers, high schools didn't usually do this show," Steve Holka, junior, said. "I think people were surprised that we did a show that good."

To teach musical hopefuls the moves, experienced students estab-

> lished the Tap Club in October. "When I started. I couldn't even do a shuffle, let alone all of the steps we had to do for the musical," Julie Brickman, sophomore, said.

With some characters making five to six costume changes in only

36 seconds each, everyone had to stay organized to keep the show smooth-running. "You couldn't have a good show without good costuming," Costume Designer Mr. Gene Fort, social studies teacher. said. "The costumes were perfect because they created a very elegant looking stage that was characteristic of the time period."

With a final solo from Julian Marsh, played by Sal Karottki, senior, many months of hard work ended as the cast of "42nd Street" took their final bows, but the students' singing and dancing abilities left a lasting impression on all those who attended the spring musical.

one step up

"We're in the Money," Tim Bognar, junior and the musical many castrequired extreme



long vs. short

"Hundreds of attention to whether he was a good kisser Kellen Rogan, senior

bright idea

Zambo, senior, said.

After strict orders, Bill Lawlor, played by Tim Bognar, junior, keeps a safe distance om Dorothy Brock, played by Maribeth Mask, senior, in a practice for their upcoming show. Maribeth portrayed an overbearing dramatist who had outlived her successful days in acting.

Priced at \$5 for students and se-

nior citizens and \$6 for adults, good

seating sold out quickly for the four

performances, running from April 29

to May 2. "'42nd Street' attracted the

biggest crowd that a musical had

brought in for a long time," Miranda

In preparing for "42nd Street," a

Giving up spare time for volunteer work, students show ability to

hudelleathand

said and done

"Sorting cans and

doesn't sound like

Mike Mayer, senior

dishing out food

much, but every

little bit helps,"

W ith a limited schedule, students made room to help others. For only a few hours a week, they donated time and energy at their own expense for the benefit of the less fortunate.

Between school and jobs, students spent time volunteering at hospitals. "Between working in my mom's of-

fice and school, I thought I'd never have time to work at a nursing home, "Amy Buikema, junior, said. "But I always found time to do things I wanted.

Volunteers donated time to serve their church or synagogue. "I only had to be an alter

boy once a month," Matt Bochnowski, sophomore, said. "Considering I had to be at church anyway, it was kind of convenient."

Students volunteered for both personal satisfaction and parental pressures. 'Thad always had a fear of blood, guts, and so forth," Amanda Fisher, senior, said. 'TI wanted to overcome this, so I thought that by diving into the hospital atmosphere I could relieve my phobia."

Others gave time with future plans in mind. "It was my mom's idea for me to work in a hospital," Holly Baran, sophomore, said. "I wanted to be a nurse or a doctor, so I wanted to see if I liked it."

Performing small acts of kindness, benefited special interest groups while gaining self-fulfillment.

"Working for the hospice was very fulfilling, because I knew that I was working for a worthwhile organization,"Patrick Mesterharm, senior, said.

Using what time they had, teens squeezed in helpful deeds. "I really didn't mind a few

hours to do something for people who need it," Amy said.

After numerous hours of devotion to causes, students watched others benefit from their time and energy.

thumbs up

After school Tim Bognar, junior, volunteers his time to help coach the seventh grade football team. Many high school players gave up their afternoon to give the younger boys tips and advice that would impove their skills.



While preparing a meal for a patient, Alison Byrne, Junior, donates her time as a candy-striper at Community Hospital. Working as a candy-striper required students to run errands for nurses and











huddle up While attending a weekly meeting at Elliott School, Boy Scout members Soan Shideler sophomore, Geoff Kaiser, freshman, Jeremy Brackett, Junior, Bran Kreger, freshman, and Brad Vliek, Junior, revolve a few rules by leafing through a handbook. Boy Scouls volunteered their

lend me an ear

Working as a volunteer for the Salvation Army on Wednesday afternoons, Cosmin Dobrescu, junior, bags corn to go to the less fortunate. Many students spent time to support good causes.

heart in hand

Deeply in love. Todd Matuska, senior, and Lesie Hundley, junior, sing of their future together. The lead role of Edward, played by Todd, along with the part of his soon-to-be wife, portrayed by Leslie, required some stinging ability as the play included twelve songs in list three acts.





sign on

While perfecting her look, Amanda Fisher, senior, looks past the rule list posted in the girls' dressing room. To make costume location easier, Mr. Gene Fort, social studies teacher, posted a list of rules reminding the actresses to keep it neat or keep out.



Upon discovering his friend, Todd Matuska, senior, drunk on the floor, Pat Mesterharm, senior, searches to find a reason for Todd's downfall. The play focused not only on Edward, played by Todd, but also on those close to him including Pat's character, William.





bottoms

Taking advantage of the offer of "free beet" on stage, Doug Moore, senior, and Natalee Newsom, junior, jump at the chance. "The Drunkard's" play within a play format allowed for an unconventional opening in which cast members came from the audience.



Jeers and cheers greet fall play as they cast their

bottoms ALLUG

said and done

"It was a classic tale of

good versus evil that.

as the evil villain swooped onto the stage, fellow cast members waved "BOO" and "HISS" signs and jeered, encouraging audience participation in the fall play.

"The Drunkard," also titled "Down With Demon Drink," ran from Nov. 5 to Nov. 8. The melodrama told the story of a man who let a villain lead him to drink and who then had to fight to get his life back in order. "My character. the drunkard, was a likeable.

charming hero with a lesson to learn," Todd Matuska, senior, said. "He learned to be himself and not let others tell him what to be."

By a teacher's suggestion, the actors performed the melodrama as a comedy. Taking the script to extremes, they made it less serious. "It was much better that way," Bill Wilson, senior, said. "The melodrama had wornitself out, so we spiced it up as a comedy."

This transformation into a comedy made practices enjoyable and put everyone in a lighter mood, according to Jeremy Kryt, senior.

minor detail

Putting the finishing touches on the bar, ManDee Adams, sophomore, works on adding detail to the set of "The Drunkard." After a postponement on set work because of the DECA fashion show, workers volunteered their free time and helped complete set work

"When we weren't practicing, we hung piñatas from the catwalk and played 'Gotcha' with Admiral Stockdale," he said.

Whether practicing or performing, the actors

spent three to six hours, including weekends, preparing for the play from the end of September. This amount of time sometimes took away from school-work. "I couldn't find time to do my homework," Jessica Schoen,

unfortunately, few people understood," Jamie Ward, senior

> Jessica Schoen, s o p h o m o r e, said. "I almost flunked chemistry."

> Despite the problems of juggling drama practice and school work, the cast got along well and thought the three performances made the weeks of preparation worthwhile. "I only wish we could have had more shows," Jeremy said. "We spent so long memorizing our lines and building sets that it seemed more appropriate to have at least two weekends of shows."

Set builders and other backstage workers also learned to appreciate the weeks of preparation for the play. "I took care of the sets for the play during my free time at practices when my character wasn't on stage," Natalie Bacha, junior, said.

When the hero foiled the villain in the end, negative feedback turned positive as the actors put away their "BOO" and "HISS" signs and took their final bows.





ideally suitable

Checking for size and fit, Assistant Director Gene Fort, social studies teacher, assists Maribeth Mask, senior, with her coat. In order to add authenticity, rented costumes took the place of the dated ones.

fair warning

Warning the rest of the cast to stay out of his way. Sydney Black, portrayed by Jeremy Kryt, senior, expresses his fury. In the end, his anger turned into smiles when the play in which he invested succeeded.





With a little Bognar, junior, and Amy Gust, senior, toast the opening night during the playwithin-a-play format of "Light Up the Sky. Peter, played by Tim, and Irene played by Amy taking the stage with a series of pledges to the production



Despite low attendance. "Light up the Sky" casts off with a toast to

high spirits

s the first act of the winter play "Light Up the Sky" opened up, actors awaited their cue to walk through the door.

The three-act comedy, which ran Feb. 18, 20 and 21, exhibited the relations among play actors, the play's writer and his investors as they anticipated that their performance would turn into a

complete flop.

To bring out the humor in the script, the actors let their own personalities shine through their roles. "The reason the play was good was because the humor wasn't just handed to us." Tim Bognar, jun-ior, said. "The

humor came through the wackiness of the characters."

The 12 cast members committed themselves to difficult tasks to add color to the plot. "I felt that the script left a lot to be desired but the characters brought out a lot and made it come alive," Jon Finerty, senior, said. "Everyone interpreted it differently and each of the characters had a part of their personality in them. It was as if that particular trait of that person was dramatized."

Stage hands spent 6-8 hours a week hanging wall paper and rounding up furniture for the set. "We spent a lot of time on the sets and I really

shed a tear

Mimicking someone else, Francis Black pretends to wipe away a tear. The 12 cast members practiced 6-8 hours per week

think it showed," Julie Brickman, sophomore, said. "Everything looked great."

Between preparing for opening night, dealing with stressful rehearsals and memorizing numerous lines, some found it difficult to relax. "I usually got really nervous before I went on stage because I had all of my

> lines running through my head at once,' sophomore, said, "Once I was out there. I was fine."

Rather then using costumes performances, the cast, for the first time, rented attire enhanced the 1930's set-

ting. "I spent nearly three hours shopping for the perfect costumes," Assistant Director Gene Fort, social studies teacher, said. "I felt that they added glamour and made the stars feel the role."

dance lacked. An estimated audience of 120 for the three performances disappointed the financial standings of the Drama Department, resulting in a loss of money. "The attendance was very poor. I thought it was one of our best shows and it was just a shame that we did not have more school support," Mr. Fort said.

After the curtain closed and the entertainers took their bows, many sighed in relief--as well as satisfaction--realizing that their combined efforts brought about a finally completed performance.

"Since there was only 12 of us, it was harder to avoid each other, so we had to get along." Jeremy Kryt,

said and done

senior

Often spending hours waiting around, students find themselves

tudents checked and re-checked clocks, making sure they hadn't stopped. Anticipating time to pass made it drag even slower.

Boredom resulted from the monotony of waiting, but students resorted to activities--from outdoor sports to baking--to occupy time. "If I had nothing to do, I tried to entertain myself by playing Nintendo,

reading a magazine or by calling someone," Shannon Hamel, sophomore, said.

Twiddling thumbs and doodling papers, dull-stricken students killed time with extraneous events. "Sometimes I sat and drew in the margins or just stared at things," Dan

Zabrecky, freshman, said. "That way time passed more quickly."

Many students filled time with

activities to improve health and appearance. "I exercised or looked through my closet to match new outfits," April Glueckert, junior, said.

For impatient students, waiting caused aggrevation. "I especially hated waiting for a test grade," Angie Darrow, junior, said. "Once I chewed off every single one of my nails and shook uncontrollably."

Although

Whether waiting in lines for tickets or in the classroom door-

way for a period to end, students

waiting annoved most students, a tolerant few did not mind it. "Waiting didn't bother me because I looked at it as a way to get in a few extra minutes of sleep," Shawn Conley, senior, said.

Kusiak, seniors Yarck, Pamela Heather Moses freshmen, talk about upcoming events. When discussing the hot topic of the

minutes.

benched

Waiting for rides

after the

Pep Rally,

and Maryann



"I hate waiting in line. I figure since you're paying them, they should come to vou."

not in the least

Craig Carnagey, senior



phone first

While Colleen Ward, senior, waits for a ride, Heather Collard, senior, occupies her time with a note. During passing verify appointments or just socialize.

deep thoughts

Awaiting her doctor appointment, Erica Lesniak, junior, day dreams to pass the time. Appointments consumed lots of free time, especially when students spent extra ninutes in the waiting room.



High Munasan







the bus stops here

Looking ahead to see where to catch the bus, Paul Nelson, sophomore, awaits its arrival. Students without a license resorted to the school bus or a ride from a friend for transportation.

sun blocked

Waiting to march in the Homecoming parade, Bob Tracy, junior, and Todd Reppen, sophomore, soak up some sun. Road construction delayed the parade, forcing students to wait an extra half hour. With responsibilities, students look to weekends to keep from becoming

tied down

not in the least

"I either sleep, go to

the mall or watch

re-runs,"

'Three's Company'

Lisa Shah, junior

from stressful homework to early morning wake-ups, the weekend came as a break from everyday dilemmas. With little time to do what they wanted, weekends eave students the freedom to relax.

Students took advantage of extra time, doing anything from going shopping with friends to renting a

movie. "Tusually tried to catch up on my sleep, and then I went shopping," Jill Pfister,

sophomore, said.
After the stress of school, the weekend provided leisure time for a variety of amusements.
"I liked to play football with my friends, but

when it got too cold outside, I usually just sat home and watched television," Mark Ward, freshman, said.

Weekends also offered students the chance to spend time with their families. "I really liked spending time at home on the weekends," Amy Metz, junior, said. "Of course, I also liked going out, but the time I spent with my family was also good."

Many students took advantage of their weekends to earn extra spending money for the next week. "I preferred to work on the weekends, so then it didn't interfere with my schoolwork," Monica Adley, senior, said. "Working also gave me extra money that I could spend on the weekends."

From swimming to skiing, weekends provided time for brief getaways and small excursions. "I loved to go skiing because it gave me a good workout and helped take away the stress of the school week," Sara Weaver, sophomore, said.

As weekends quickly came to their ends, thoughts of normal routines came to mind while students prepared for another new week of school.

floor plans

To figure out evening plans, Sara Conley and Natalie Forburger, sophomores, discuss their options. Formulating plans often consumed most of the afternoon.

tied down

In search of the perfect tie for Turnabout, Heather Molnar, senior, and Jim LeVan, junior, browse the selection at Highland Department Store. To get feedback about their formal wear, students found it helpful to bring their







fast food

Forced to wait for their friends to get home, Jeff Sheets and Joey Lalich, seniors, pass the time by looking through the refrigerator Fating proved a popular option for bored students waiting around for evening plans to materialize.





open book

At a Saturday session of his SAT At a saturacy session of nis SAT preparatory class, Pete Ronco, junior, leafs through a practice test. To score the best possible they could on standardized tests, students often resorted to out of school classes for extra help. As time-off provides teens with a break from the humdrum, they find it easy to

get BREAK LOOSE

not in the least

"They decided that

instead of going to

Prom, they'd go to

Hawaii for the

weekend,"

a s the final period came to an end, students poured out of their classrooms, anticipating the vacation that awaited them.

Travelling to far-away places, students used their free time to get away from it all. These trips not only served as a means of relaxation, but also as learning experiences. "My mom was really into travelling, and

she always took us so we could learn about different cultures," Uly Rosales, senior, said.

Similarly, universitybound students used breaks to explore college campuses in hopes of selecting a

school. "Basically, my vacations were spent visiting colleges first for my sister and then for me," Mark Mackanos, junior, said.

take a peek

Before Spring Break, John Giannini, senior, visitis Highland Travel to get some vacation ideas. Students often had the opportunity to get away with a group of friends. At different times throughout the year, students used their breaks from school to spend time with family members not otherwise seen.

"During the Holidays, I got to see members of my family that I usually didn't see," John Melby, sophomore, said.

While many breaks involved quality "family time," other vaca-

tion-goers ventured on independent trips away from their homes. "I thought my parents did not want me," Hemal Parikh, freshman, said. "They always shipped me off to stay with people they knew all over."

Carolyn Lukas, all over."

Junior Although vacations provided some with an es-

cape to different surroundings, other students found themselves at home. "I was completely unproductive over Spring Break," Eugenia Ho, junior, said.

While some scenarios proved more intriguing than others, time off during breaks provided a necessary change of pace for all.

hooked

Helping to outfit his brother Mark for the upcoming Halloween festivities, Eric Stojkovich, junior, puts the final touches on his mustache. Holidays played an important part in vacations, especially for students who took part in traditional







packed in

In preparation for a family trip to Florida, Tim Gordon, sophomore, adds the final necessities to his suitcase. Whether escaping to warm climates on visiting relatives nearby, school vacations provided students with an opportunity to get away from it all.





water logged

At a Sunday swim for Project Biology, Mr. Art Haverstock, science teacher, helps Natalle Anzur, senior, adjust her buoyancy compensation. Students swam once a week to prepare for their snorkeling trip to the Florida Keys. When bogged down, students with limited time find themselves

not in the least

Monica Rastogi,

hings to do, places to go, people to see. The list goes on, especially for students with appointments and commitments occupying their time outside of school.

After reading every issue of Family Circle, students realized that appointments consumed more time than they thought. But clever students devised ways to avoid wast-

ing their own free time at the dentist, doctor or hair stylist. "I always tried to make my appointments during school, so I could get out of class," Jason Doherty, sophomore, said.

However, not all students had lenient parents who allowed

them to miss class. "My dad didn't let me schedule doctor's appointments during school, so they usually had to be in the evening," Jen Russell, junior, said. "This caused problems, because sometimes they conflict with work.

Improving various skills also cut into after-school time. Many students obtained extra instrumental and athletic help which school could not provide. "I took flute lessons twice a week to help me get ready for ISSMA (Indiana State School Music Association)," Kay Watson, freshman, said. "Since I wasn't in the group to go to State, I just wanted to concentrate on placing well."

Students also made appointments with teachers, National Honor Society members and tutors to gain extra help with subjects that troubled them. "Mr. Shinkan tutored me in algebra," Becky Brown, freshman,

said. "Even though they were only once a week, they helped me out a lot."

While many extra lessons gave positive results, some students didn't find them worth the time. "I took two voice lessons, but my teacher

said 'I'll take your money, but it won't help; so you might as well quit," Jeremy Kryt, senior, said.

senior

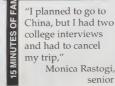
Other individuals used their free time for personal improvement. Options included working out, either at home or in a gym. "I didn't really mind, because I set aside time, and if I was tired of grading papers, I worked out."

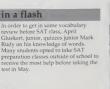
Whether beneficial or not, appointments and commitments kept everyone busy during school as well as during after-school hours.

stretching

Before attending her weekly dance class, Elle Adoba. senior, stretches out at home. Outof-school

from the normal routine, as well as an opportunity to gain extra skills in school









review before SAT class, April

in a flash

test in May



doctor, doctor

Patiently waiting for a receptionist, Whitney Katz, sophomore, anticipates her appointment at the Hammond Clinic Students set aside extra time for various appointments when they could not schedule them during school hours.





read between the lines

To explore all of his college possibilities, Cosmin Dobrescu, junior, seeks advice from his guidance counselor, Mrs.
Phyllis Braun. The Guidance Department aided many juniors and seniors in preparing their high school schedules, as well as making future plans for college.

CRISIS

KIDS SEND HELP

to aid the survivors of Hurricane Andrew and gain wisdom on Operation Restore Hope in Somalia, with the help of the Skills for Living classes.

After the Aug. 24, 1992 destruction of Southern Florida by Hurricane Andrew, students, with the help of the Skills for Living classses, rallied together, contributing to the Miles of Pennies fundraiser for rebuilding.

After 30 days of collecting money, students gathered \$1,050 in hopes of defraying from the astronomical cost of damages. "It was good to collect the pennies because when we gave, we really didn't believe we were doing that much, but it really added up after a while. It was nice to know that we could make a difference," Alaina Altschul, freshman, said.

Although some thought that a few pennies would not make a dent in the millions of dollars worth of damage, others hoped that small changes could take place from the contribution. "It wasn't hard to give a couple of quarters," Steve Bonnar, sophomore, said. "Just considering what it would be like if that happened to you was enough to give at least a dollar."

National problems slowed to a minimum and a new world wide crisis came into considerationnew morld wide crisis came into considerationmonalia. As the winter holidays approached,
American soldiers prepared to restore hope in
Somalia with aid for its starving population. "I
think that it's the right thing for the United States
to do," Tom Boilek, junior, said. "Someone has to
help those starving kids, and if anyone has the
means to do it. we do."

The decision made by the United States hoped to cure the problems that the Somalians and Southern Florida faced. "Unless we can learn from the help that we are giving, we really aren't accomplishing anything," Amy Kicho, senior, said. "It's time to take responsibility because this could be anyone of us one day."

ANTE UP

Counting the donated money for the victims of Hurricane Andrew, juniors Greg Szypczak and Kristi Amdahl try to find who collected the most. Skills for Living collected over \$1,000 to help with the crisis.



DRESS UP

Helping out at the Skills for Living dress sale senior Nina Guillermo, juniors Angie Darrow, Iram Rizu, and Gaby Lewis look through the selection. The sale allowed teens to save money by buying dresses for \$25 and up.



ECONOMY

SOMETHING OLD.

and something new becomes the exchange that students made in order to save money on everything.

With a tightening budget and a slumping economy, students searched for ways to make the most of what they already had. Buying brand new turned into a thing of the past as students hit resale shops and friend's closets.

Ås school dances approached, many girls found formal dresses all too expensive for only one night on the town. "I exchanged dresses with my friends because a lot of us could not afford to buy new dresses all the time," Christine Justak, junior, said. "It helps out, especially since I only wore the dresses once."

When students changed their taste in music or stopped following a particular band, they headed to music exchange shops to receive extra cash. "When I got tired of a disc or I didn't like a band, I took my CD's to Big Time Records," Tim Rutz, sophomore, said. "I used the money for a new CD instead of hunting around for spare change."

The need for variety motivated some students to trade their favorite outfits among friends. "I didn't have to wear the same old things when I exchanged clothes with my friends," Jessica Gorski, freshman, said. "We all got a taste of each other's clothing that way."

Rising entertainment costs prompted students to pass along their favorite Nintendo or Sega games. "Trading games saved money from buying new games." Jason Chansler, senior, said. "You get bored with one game after awhile, which makes trading more sensible."

After the last attempt to negotiate a higher allowance failed, students decided to catch the new wave of turning in, trading and borrowing fix their dwindling budgets.

ACTION

STUDENTS TAKE TIME OUT FOR AWARENESS

from the election to the environment to other everyday issues like sex and AIDS. From around the school to around the nation, students practice ACTION & AWARENESS.

Standing up for what they believed in, speaking their minds and daring to be different, socially-aware students put forth every effort to make their point heard.

Students and teachers alike thought it important to acknowledge and act on social issues and controversies. "To reduce a person's awareness is to reduce their freedom as a human," Mr. Chuck Schallhorn, social studies teacher, said. "We are only as free as our awareness allows."

Joining activist organizations allowed people to get involved in the pressing problems of the day. Completely established by students, the new positive attitude group, STAND, hoped to tackle teen self-esteem problems. "We are interested in having fun programs that show students alternatives to drug use and build self-esteem," STAND co-founder Brad Wadle, senior, said. "We understand that just lecturing does not work, and we would like to get away from that."

While some contributed to the amount of involvement and awareness in school, others believed that social education lacked. "I don't think that the problem is ignorance, but that

people are ignoring the problems," Miss BeAnn lohnson, social studies teacher, said.

Many students thought that they should have complete exposure to the reality, and opposed censorship of any form. "Why should we not be able to see all there is to see, or say all we want to say? If we are neglected of these rights, our minds cannot fully evaluate the real world," Jeff Nowakowski, sophomore, said.

Freedom of choice, health care and the economy, keyed in as major topics during the presidential election. Candidate support ranged from buttons and bumper stickers to joining local political organizations and voting. "If we do not vote, things will never change," Jessica Lanzillo, freshman, said.

By acting on issues and informing others, concerned students strove to make a difference.

MONEY WELL SPENT

Exhausted after a game of Spud, seniors Kristan Hatton, Kristin Krupinski and Elle Adoba take a breather from the many activities in the fieldhouse at the all night Jammy Jam. A social responsibility project of the Honors Business Management class, the lock-in raised over \$1,000 for the Craig Szasz Benifit Fund.



ACTION

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Because we are the youth of the future we need to take a active role today to prepare for tomorrow.

Sujata Barai, junior

ECONOMY

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You can always get money for CD's when you're desperate for cash.

Julie Byrne, senior

CRISIS

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Collecting money was a nice effort considering we'll never know what they went through.

Kristin Johnson, iunior



TRAVEL

from here to there, students drive anything available to get around town.

Blaring horns and angry drivers filled Columbia Avenue as construction backed up traffic, making it a challenge to arrive at first hour on time. As parking lots filled with automobiles, students tried different methods of getting to school.

Construction posed one problem for students, but trains could also make people late. With the new subdivisions south of 45th Avenue, more students needed to cross the rail-road tracks to get to school. "We tried to leave early so it wouldn't matter if we caught a train, but more often we were just late," Amy Boyle, sophomore, said.

Waiting behind the crossing guards signals for a train to pass didn't seem long compared to the timely haul some teachers embarked every day. "I didn't mind driving [from Valparaiso] in the morning when traffic was lighter, but coming home took much longer," Mr. Bruce Curme, science teacher, said,

Once inside the parking lot, students usually encountered a maze of illegally parked cars that made navigation tough. People who drove larger cars created extra problems in the lots. "Parking the 'party barge' would have been almost impossible if not for those spaces in the front row," Rob Conley, senior, said

Some sought to improve the appearance of their car by adding extra details. Darkening windows and adding ground effects complete with neonpurple sub-chasis illumination devices, students made their cars look more unique. "I saw pictures of other customized cars and I thought that it would look really cool," Sweetu Patel, junior, said.

When school ended, students tolerated the same tedious travel methods as in the morning, while they tried to show patience with the chaotic parking lots and other driving dilemmas.

PUMPED UP

oncerned about his financial situation Sanjay Paul, senior, fills his tank while gas prices are low. Students became more economically conscience as the recession



FOOD

CHOW DOWN

students spend limited funds on munchies, from Tom's Vending machines to fast food joints, to quiet their growling stomaches.

From mid-day snacks to enticing entrees, students never lacked good grub.

Lunch in the Food Court improved as a result of the "a la carte" addition. "Cafeteria food had never been that good," Matt Angel, freshman, said.

Not hungry enough for a full meal, students raided the vending machines for a quick snack. "Sometimes nothing looked good," Danny Byrne, sophomore, said. "I usually went to get a pop and a candy bar.

New local fast food chains allowed students to get something different. "I like the convenience of having a Subway in Munster," Natalie Anzur, senior, said. "It's easy access, a lot cleaner and some of my friends work there."

To suffice Mexican food cravings, a Taco Bell opened on Calumet Avenue, yet some still preferred the other fast food alternatives. "I wasn't really impressed with the new Taco Bell," Gina Bovara, junior, said. "I swear the Nacho Supreme I got there was different."

With empty stomachs and cash in hand, students looked to their favorite food establishments to satisfy daily cravings.

TOYS

When the school day overflowed with long lectures and tedious work, students used toys to

release their minds from everyday tensions. As boredom hit, knicknacks gave students something to do. Good luck Troll dolls caught the eves of students. "I had 12 or 13 Trolls on my

dresser," Adam Hansen, senior, said. Toys that made noises grabbed attention and kept students occupied. "My friends bought me a fake phone that played music when you pressed the buttons," Yvette Castor, sophomore, said. "They told me I would look just like Kelly from 90210 if I used it in the car.'

Still kids at heart, students amused themselves with the same toys they did at earlier ages. "When I was little, I loved to color in cartoon books," Susie Boyle, junior, said. "I crack out the Crayolas to feel like a kid again."

Even though it seemed a little childish, toys put students in better moods and added excitement to the monotony of the typical day.



Keenan, freshman, talks to a friend.

FASHION

STYLING TO THE TRENDS

whether sporting baseball caps and overalls for comfort or donning a denim shirt and cowboy boots, students conform to fit the latest voque.

Fashion in's and out's hit the hallways as stylish students displayed clothing trends.

Rising costs of designer clothing did not stop students from purchasing the latest styles, ranging from baggy Cross Colour jeans to Marithe Francois Girbaud apparel. "I liked the style of the Cross Colour stuff," Edgar Moore, freshman, said. "I also liked it because people didn't wear it at school."

Comfortable and casual, The Gap provided many students with both reasonable prices, quality garments and versatile styles. "I loved going into the Gap and standing in the middle of the store, screaming 'Which side is for the girls and which side is for the boys," Amy Damjanovich, junior, said.

Along with clothes, footwear such as cut-off cowboy boots and Bass Bucs scrambled from class to class. Students also included accessories like earrings and baseball hats to compliment every outfit. "I wore shoes that provided style

and comfort," Melissa Walsh, sophomore, said. "I needed to wear shoes that went with my outfits, not just tennis shoes."

Instead of hitting the malls, some students chose to mail- order from stores like J. Crew, Land's End and Victoria's Secret as a shopping alternative. "I liked buying clothes out of catalogs because they offered a larger selection and a wider spectrum of colors," Jen Warda, senior, said. "Even though the clothes were sometimes more expensive, they lasted longer and were of higher quality.

Rather than just following the crowd, some students chose to make their own fashion statements. "I didn't feel that I had to look like everyone else to fit in," Jaeson Watts, freshman, said. "All I did was dress like myself."

Whether updating closets every month or just changing wardrobes with the weather, students managed to keep a close eve on fashion trends from coast to coast.

LIFE

FASHION

Only one person can cut my hair. BoRics does not touch my hair.

Mr. Scott McAlister. history teacher

FOOD

You know there's a contest, the first teacher to trick a student gets a free meal at the food court.

Mr. Bob Wendell, math teacher

TOYS

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Toys help me pass time and put me in a world of my own.

Roque Cabagnot, iunior

TRAVEL

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If North Office doesn't believe that my car is dead, I'll say 'Go look on White Oak, buddy.'

Adamopoulos, iunior

GOSSIP

GET THE SCOOP ON THE HOT TALK OF THE DAY

during the seven minute passing period. From who's seeing who to "Oh My God," such stories linger in the halls along with other unusual slang.

Tammy: Oh! Ma! Ga, Becky. Did you hear about Long Island Lolita? You know, Amy Fisher, the 17-year old girl from New York who had an affair with Joe Buttafuocco, the 35-year old owner of an auto body shop? Becky: Doubt it! What happened?

Tammy: Well, I heard Amy was so infatuated with Mr. Buttafuocco, that she intended to kill his wife! She bought a gun and shot Mrs. Buttafuocco below the right eye.

Becky: Like, was Mrs. Buttafuocco okay? Tammy: As if. She survived, but the right side of her body is slightly paralyzed and she has a constant ringing in her ear.

Becky: No way!

Tammy: Way!

Becky: Was Amy Fisher busted? Tammy: Yeah, she's in the slum for 5 to 15

years, but has a chance at parole in 2. Becky: Wow...Well, have you seen Madonna's

heinous new book, Sex? Tammy: Is it the one that has pictures way

beyond PDA?

Becky: You got it, girlfriend! My brother bought her novel for \$50! Tammy: What a scam. That's trash. He got

Becky: Sha-wing is more like it!

Tammy: So, did you see Saturday Night Live this weekend? Da Bears. We won't be hearing that phrase for awhile since Mike Ditka got

Becky: Why did he get fired anyway? Tammy: Ever since their 1985 Superbowl victory they haven't been playing so hot. They're just not as classy as they used to be. Becky: What will the Superfans do now? Tammy: I guess keep eating their polish sausage and having heart attacks!

Becky: What about Ditka?

Tammy: There's always commercials. Becky: What do you think of the late night talkshow war?



WORD OF THE DAY

Catching up on the latest gossip Debra Manuszsak and Kyle Kozubal, juniors, chat about all the day's events.

Tammy: I don't know, Letterman, Arsenio and Jay Leno are all okay.

Becky: Guess what? The Davemeister is moving to CBS this summer.

Tammy: That's so cool.

Becky: I bet you don't know who won the presidential election?

Tammy: Think so! Bill Clinton, Governor of Arkansas, of course. He won 15 states' votes within one hour!

Becky: Can you believe how much Ross Perot spent on his campaign?

Tammy: I believe it... Like, \$60 million! Becky: So, Tipper is our new first lady?

Tammy: No, silly, Hillary is. Becky: What has Mr. Clinton promised to us?

Tammy: Better education and higher taxes, but no inhaling!

Becky: Sh...yeah, right!

Tammy: Can you believe Princess Diana and Prince Charles have separated?

Becky: That's old news! Where has your brain been? They've been separated for a long time. Tammy: Don't you think the Queen of England has been through so many hardships this year?

I mean, to have your castle and treasures burned! Becky: Poor thing.

Tammy: You know it.

Becky: Well, Tammy, if I hear anything else I'll get back to va! Later, dude.

Tammy: Okay. See ya, wouldn't want to be ya! Just kidding.



ENTERTAINMENT

TUNE IN

with the addition of alternative options, artistic recreation fills the free time of easy going students.

Searching for an alternative from the usual entertainment, students opted to depart from their everyday activities and engage in a new form of recreation.

While looking for the perfect radio station, some students turned to Q101, a new rock alternative station, to hear rock of yesterday and today. "Q101 plays a good variety of music from current hits to older, more classical songs," Joel Furgeson, freshman, said,

Other students found the radio a quick guide to upcoming concetrs. "My friends and I found out about the Connells concert on the radio." Bryan Zweig, junior, said.

Concerts allowed music-loving students to spend relaxing time with their friends. "U2 put on a good show with great opening acts," Elle Adoba, senior, said. "I enjoyed their classy hits and their college like style."

Summer concerts provided experiences for students to expose themselves to different types of people and music. Lollapalooza 2 received recognition for its variety of music, while allowing students to get in touch with their wild side. "It was really hyped this year. It lost the flavor it was created for," Amanda Fisher, senior, said. "I went moshing--100 bodies seething with angst and the only thing connecting them is the ground and the music.

Trying to create a change in normal activities, students went to the theatre. The Bodyguard, Malcolm X, Dracula and Aladdin provided just a few of the box office hits. A Few Good Men proved a favorite to some students. "It gave women a more respectable role," Brigette Campbell, junior, said. "Demi Moore and Tom Cruise stayed strictly platonic throughout the entire movie."

Continually searching for new music and movie varieties, students constantly scanned radio stations and movie pages hoping to find the ultimate entertainment selection.

CHANNEL Z

While flipping through the radio stations Sara Conley, sophomore, attempts to find a good tune. Students found pleasures in music as well as movies.





Llewellyn. senior,

PEOPLE

whether modeling or participating in sports, students try to make something of themselves from the start.

Chatting with Dick Clark on national television may have seemed an impossible dream; however, this dream turned to reality for Nicole Llewellyn, senior. Aug. 25 when she appeared in the Miss Teen USA pageant.

Holding the title of Miss Indiana Teen, Nicole flew to the national competition at Biloxi, MI, along with 49 other state titlists. The three weeks she spent there consisted of a lot of hard work, and Nicole realized she had many responsibilities to fulfill as a participant. "It really helped me grow up and become more independent," Nicole said. "I learned to experience things on my own."

Making time for three speech coaches, a personal trainer, pageantry coach and working out three and a half hours a day, she speaks from experience. "It really wears you out; plus, you always have to worry about what you look like," she said

Reaching the semifinal round of 12, Nicole finished 9 overall. She felt no disappointment, though, knowing that she did her best. "It was worth it. The accomplishment of getting to nationals was enough," Nicole said.

After the excitement of her national appearance, Nicole took some time off from modeling to return to her normal activities, like cheerleading. "I might stay home the first year after I graduate, so I can model in Chicago," she said.

Nicole realized that dreams like this didn't come true for everyone, remarking that participating in the pageant and being on TV "was once-in-a-lifetime."



GOSSIP

66 Once someone starts a rumor. it gets around by the lunch hours and everyone assumes it's true.

Amy Muskin, senior

PEOPLE

My adrenaline was pumping, my stomach was turning. I loved it. I'd do it again.

Nicole Llewellyn. senior

ENTERTAIN

Histen to 950 AM for the rap. It's kind of a black

BJ Palmer. sophomore

thing.

OR HOURS ON END

"OH NO! MY ALARM DIDN'T CO OFF.

Shoot... I'm already late for my zero hour. Wait--I'll have to skip breakfast and I'm already doing myEcon stock transactions during lunch. We're going through units so quickly to crunch last year's 59-minute lectures into Wednesday's 50-minute classes now that we lose 33 total minutes from each week. Darn...I have to re-

member to go to my ortho appointment during Resource Hour..."

WHILE THE AVERAGE

senior spent six weeks filling out college applications to perfection, months later, it took a mere thirty seconds to read their letters of acceptance or rejection.

IN A RUSH ON TEST DAY, the typical chemistry student took 10 minutes to copy a notebook section containing 5 hours worth of work.

AFTER 30 HOURS OF

SAT preparation class and self-practice, juniors spent 3 hours coloring in dots on test day.

FRESHMEN PHYSICAL EDUCATION students prolonged changing to 25 minutes in order to avoid their 53-minute Physical Education class.

WHETHER FINISHING UP LAST

night's homework for Algebra 2 during the 32-minute lunch period or sprinting to Zoology after the 1 minute warning bell to avoid a grade reduction, students realized that it was... ALLIN A DAY'S WORK.

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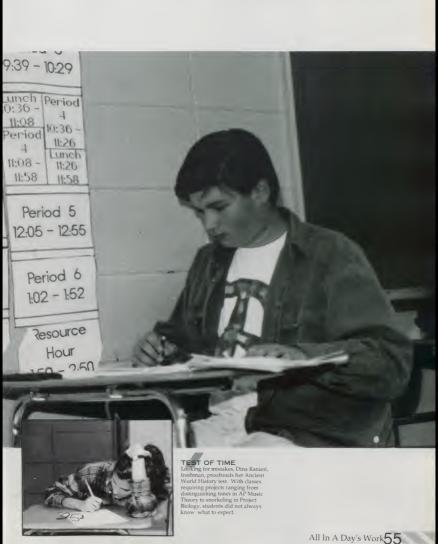
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Period

PASSING THE TIME Minutes before his Algebra class, Brian Krieger, freshman, rushes to complete his homework before the bell. With new scheduling, teachers revised lessons to fit them into condensed

periods.





IDENTITY CRISIS

Displaying her interest in foreign heritage, Mrs. Linda Elman, Spanish teacher, dresses as Mexican artist Frida Kahlo, on Mexican Independence Day. Avoiding the ordinary, even in attire, expanded the students learning beyond the basic lessons.

EYES AHEAD

Plotting the correct points on the polar graph, Mrs. Pat Fremetz, trigonometry teacher, uses the overhead projector for instructional lectures. Teachers often used audio visual equipment for a different approach to teaching.



HELPING HAND

To make the workload lighter Pete Choros, and Nina Guillermo, seniors, along with Stacy Smith, sophomore, divide up a geometry proof. Studying in groups, rather than working alone, during class time proved more efficient to get work complete.







To eliminate class dullness, teachers create innovative methods to spark student interest

CUTTING IT OUT

Extending one arm across the desk, his head drops, his eyes fight to stay open and he realizes it is time to snooze. As students battled the boredom that accompanied lecturing, teachers tried to keep their attention through intriguing teaching methods.

Many teachers lived the same routine of teaching with a curriculum comprised of lectures, worksheets and tests to add up to a final semester grade, while others used alternatives to provide an education that students could appreciate. "I assigned a lot of group in-class work and projects where students are responsible for being involved so that they were learning," Mr. Phil Clark, English teacher, said.

Some classes had no choice when it came to participation in group work, even when opposition from peers occured. "When your whole class is working together you can't not do it, but I think you get more accomplished when you're alone," Heather Rutz, senior, said.

Working with other classmates took the load off of one students and removed the pressure. "When responsibilities are shared, it becomes more fun because it's not all up to you to get things accomplished," Evan

NEGATIVELY SPEAKING

Cutting with precision, Brad Wadle, senior, slices his negatives to pick the best project. Rather than an ordinary final Greenbaum, freshman, said.

A break from the norm did not always have to stem from teaching style, but from an alteration in classroom atmosphere. "Miss Johnson played the radio sometimes, but I found it more of a distraction unless a good song comes on," Bridget Campbell, junior, said.

The visual aspects of the classroom helped students learn material and served as an easy reference for upcoming tests. "Having stuff around the room, like posters and charts. was an easy way to review without opening your book," Marika Voukidis, sophomore, said.

Courses such as Clothing and Foods offered a "hands-on" approach to of teaching and learning. "Labs were better than boring lecture because we actually worked with machines and appliances," Iodi Dobkowski. senior, said. "It's a skill that'll carry over as we get older."

As hour's end approaches, he feels a nudge from a classmate and awakens from his nap. He puts his books into his bag, combs his hand through his hair, and rubs his face, hoping that next hour will offer more innovation and excitement.



As the grading period ends, students designate times to complete assignments

MAKING IT UP

Setting the alarm clock earlier than usual, skipping lunch or just missing a favorite after school TV special, students set aside time to make up work or just spend an extra hour with the teacher.

While students staved in bed a few minutes later, early birds headed out the door to finish last night's homework. "I tried to go early in the morning to finish my homework because I never felt like doing it the night before," Laura Scheffel, junior, said "I didn't want to stay anymore than I had to. Six hours of school was enough for me."

After finishing homework at night, students found extra time in the mornings to finish projects due at a later time. "I don't have a computer so I went in the computer lab when nobody was around," Tim Liming, junior, said. "I finished my English papers earlier than I thought I would."

Although some students enjoyed staying at school a couple of hours after a normal day, many frowned on sacrificing their free time. "I hated how teachers made you stay either before or after school because it seemed like I was in school forever," Amy Folta, sophomore, said. "It'd be better if makeup work could be made up during class instead of sacrificing my time and wasting the teacher's free time."

Other than traveling to school for makeup work, students also came for extra tutor

ing. "If I needed extra help, I found that afternoons were the best times to find the teachers because they are usually late coming to school which leaves no time to explain a problem, Larry Luna, senior, said

Stomachs growled as students skipped lunch in order to finish next hour's math problems. "I had to come in once during my lunch hour, but never again did I because I get hungry and the half hour isn't much compared to taking a test after school and taking as much time as you want," Mike Rosenstein, freshman, said.

Between making up tests and homework, students also needed to serve detentions "Serving detentions is so wasteless for us," Sam Long, senior, said. "We could be having a better time at home than sitting there staring at each other doing absolutely nothing."

In the end, sacrificing a couple of minutes of sleep in the morning and missing a Donahue show after school brought good grades, but less

BURIED IN BOOKS

Organizing returned books, Kellie Myers, sophomore, spends Resource Hour as a library aide. From studying in the Food Court or Commons, students







MIND BOGGLING

With a little peace and quiet, Lauren Pelc, junior, works on a quadratic equaaside certain mornings and afternoons for students to make up work.

STRINGS ATTACHED

Carefully placing a 500 gram weight on the pulley, Mr. Paul Burns, substitute teacher, helps assist Joe Riccio and Matt Quagliara, juniors, in completing a com-plex machine lab in physics. Whether missing class due to a doctor's appoint-





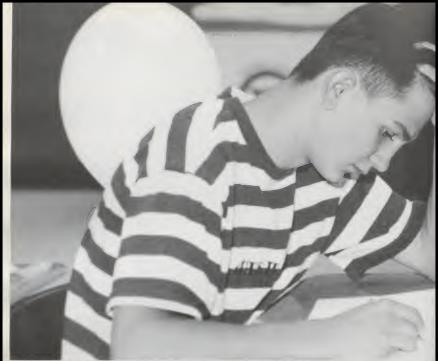


CRUNCH TIME

Arriving early to school to finish up last night's Algebra I homework, Jeff Semco, freshman, concentrates on his word problem with a boost of caffeine. Early

ALL WORK, NO PLAY

Skipping A lunch in order to finish their homework Mike Yorke, jumor, puts the final touches on his English paper as Dennis Hoogeveen, sophomore, works on his chemistry notebook. As deadlines for term papers to journals ap-proached, students took advantage of the 30 minute lunch hour to get a head start on their work.





HAIRY SITUATION
Playing with a strand of her hair, Amy
Metz, junior, avoids finishing her Spanish homework. As the hour seemed to
drag on forever, students resorted to
anything they could to take their minds
off of the topic at hand.

TIGHT GRIP

To meet the Crier copy deadline, Scott Matucha, junior, rapidly types his boys' tennis story. With stress piling on, Crier staffers met deadlines every two weeks while learning to take on various responsibilities. responsibilities.









When flustered or just plain bored, students subconciously resort to nervous habits

TIME AT HAND

Signs of tension filled the room as teachers noticed students cracking their knuckles, chewing pen caps and biting their nails while giving an oral presenentation for twenty other classmates or responding with an incorrect answer. By resorting to nervous habits, students hoped to eleviate some of their stress.

Required in virtually every course, speeches and oral presentations caused students to fret. "Whenever it was my turn to give a speech, my palms got all sweaty and my heart raced," Brian Jurczak, freshman, said. "I felt tense because so many people were staring at me, and I didn't want to mess my speech up or embarass myself."

Anxiously waiting for the teacher to pass out their exam, students panicked at the thought of forgetting what they had studied for hours the previous night. "As soon as I looked at a test, my mind would go blank," Iram Rivizi, junjor, said.

Group presentations, which included reciting reports or showing home videos in front of others, made students more relaxed than directing the class

PULL FOR ANSWERS

Stuck on a physics equation, Chris Diedrich, senior, tugs at his hair in hopes of recalling the information he studied the previous night. Fixations, such as tapping shoes and biting nails, relieved students of the anxieties that came with test-taking.

DEEP THOUGHTS
With a clenched fist, Pete Yerkovich, junior, struggles to finish a chapter of Ayn Rand Anthem. Students unconsciously depended on their nervous

things, such as pens and notecards, up with them cased their nervousness. "In ever forget to bring a pencil up with me to give and oral presentation," Bob Gonzales, junior, said. "Holding on to it helped me take my mind off of things."

By sitting in back of the

alone. Sometimes bringing

By sitting in back of the room, students tried to keep out of a teacher's view. "When a teacher looked straight at me, it usually meant that he was going to call on me for an answer, and half the time I didn't know it," Gloria Cuban, freshman, said. "I just hid behind the person in front of me and put my head down."

With butterflies in their stomachs, students felt uncomfortable when teachers put them on the spot. "My sociology teacher always picked on me and he knew! hated it, yet he wouldn't call on anyone else until! gave the right answer." Kristin Hanusin, senior, said. "My cheeks felt so hot and they looked red for a few minutes."

After weeks of adapting to their class group, students soon grew out of their nervous habits and learned to enjoy the 53 minute period.

TOP HAT

Displaying his loyalty to the Colorado Buffalos, Steve Zimmerman, junior, awaits the verdict in the Scarlet Letter trials. Student protests reversed the hat rule to teacher discretion limitations, where students could wear hats as long as their teachers found it appropriate attire during class.







OFF TRACK

Filtering through her photo slides, Wendy Wilke, senior, searches for the perfect picture. Instead of paying attention to a lesson, students occupied themselves with alternative assignments from different classes.

LAST STRAW

Sharing a McDonald's soda, Colleen Ward and Uly Rosales, seniors, work on their government assignment. As long as students kept snacking to a minimum, some teachers tolerated food and pop in the classroom.









As regulations switch from classroom to classroom, student adapt to different rules

TOUGH LICKS

As the teacher slid his chair away from his desk and strolled toward the front of the classroom, he gave a flick of the wrist, indicating to a certain student to remove her fashion baseball cap.

Students had to adjust to sets of rules that differed from teacher to teacher and classroom to classroom. "The abnormal way in which hats were worn like the so called 'gang style,' made the hat rule a preventive medicine for down the road," Mr. Jack King, Dean of Students, said.

Teachers used some regulations at their own discretion, which caused confusion, and, according to some students, invasion. "It's like we had a real dress code," Sara Conley, sophomore, said. "Don't we

have freedom of expression?" Not accepting the rule as a mandatory statement, some students did not feel the need to

WRAP IT UP

To satisfy his in-class craving, John Vanderwal, freshman, enjoys raspberry Blow pops sold by the Poms. Often, teachers allowed students to have candy in class if they bought it for a

ON TOP OF THINGS

Sitting on the edge of her desk, Candy Edwards, junior, watches as Mr. Steve Wroblewski, geometry teacher, explains a problem on the black board. When permitted, students escaped the confines of their desks to find more comfortable sitting positions. adhere to restrictions asked of them. "I never wear hats so the rule doesn't bother me," John Bogucki, senior, said. "If a teacher enforced it, it was probably because they were brought up that way."

The availability of snacks during the school day tempted people to purchase a bag of chips or a pop, however many teachers prohibited food and drink in their classrooms. "The teacher that is more easy-going only allowed pop, but wouldn't that do more damage on the carpet than a bugle chip would," Kyle Kozubal, junior, said.

During the seven minute passing period between classes. students mingled for as long as possible, never fearing the increased enforcement of the tardy policy. "I never rushed, and normally didn't have a problem of being on time," Sarika Rastogi, freshman, said. "When I was late, even by a couple seconds, I got a tardy."

Knowing that arguing fell short, the student reluctantly took off her hat, brushed through her tangled hair and slouched down in her seat to avoid further embarrassment



When in need of extra assistance, students looked to teachers for quidance

POINT IT OUT

Staying up late nights to study led to good grades, but some times required a little extra effort. Many students went to extremes to get the report cards they wanted.

Good grades provided rewards for students and the hardwork put smiles on parent's faces. "My grades showed how much effort I put into my work," Marlene Coyne, freshman, said. "They also determine whether or not my parents would be mad."

Upperclassmen learned that better grades not only pleased their parents, but also assisted them when applying to colleges. "I think grades are something colleges look at," Chrisi Mead, junior said. "I want to get into a good college."

Bringing in posters, baking homemade goodies and lending a hand in the classroom helped to get on the teacher's good side. "Drought Wrob donuts and he gave me 15 extra credit points," Allison Stalmack, sophomore, said. "It was worth spending the money to boost my grade."

In some situations, trying to pay off the teacher seemed like the only way out. "In first grade, I was really bad, so before parent-teacher conferences I would give my whole piggy bank to my teacher so she wouldn't tell my parents," Mike Cassidy, freshman, said.

Students looked for extra "brownie" points by talking to teachers on an everyday basis. However, students often got a little carried away. "Okay, I'll admit it, If little d with my teachers," Lisa Hernandez, senior, said. "But it always helped to be nice to them."

The urge to flirt in order to gain a teacher's favor sometimes brought unwanted results. "You get used to students kissing up after a while and you try to ignore it," Mr. Art Haverstock, science teacher, said. "It really doesn't work."

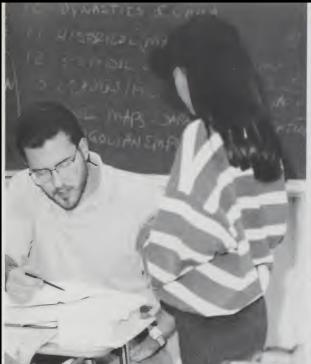
As the grading period came to a close, students searched for every opportunity to scrounge up a few extra points hoping to make the grade they wished for.

STUDY SESSION

While her friends relax and take a break during B lunch, Megan Luksich, senior, finishes the last section of her Algebra 2 homework. Students squeezed in time for studies even if it meant sacrificing a hit of their free time.







CHECK IT OUT

To gather more information on her World Geography project, Helen Kwo, freshman, asks Mr. Chuck Shallhorn, social studies teacher, for some input. Students looked to teachers for their expertise and guidance when they needed assistance.

IN DISGUISE

During Mr. Steve Wroblewski's third hour Business Math class, Caryn Hoekema, junior, dresses as Catwoman for extra-credit. Some teachers gave bonus points to students who dressed in the Halloween spirit.







HANDS UP

As the answer to the Jeopardy question pops into her head, Tracey Houser, jun-tor, raises her hand for participation points. When determining student's grades, teachers not only looked at test scores, but also participation in class.

OVER AND OUT

During Chemistry class, Mr. Don Ullman, science teacher, dictates new information. In addition to taking notes, chemistry students completed worksheets and book problems to receive ten points for their notebooks.



Stealing the spotlight, students take charge of their education and run the show

CLASS ORDER

With a pointer in one hand and a cluster of papers in the other, students played the role of professor for a day, while teachers relaxed and enjoyed their imitations.

Getting up in front of peers, students experienced difficulty in keeping attention, ignoring facial expressions and tolerating criticism. "Miss Johnson let me take her place for two periods which was rather interesting since I plan to teach psychology," Brad Wadle, senior, said. "At first I was nervous because the group looked bored, but as the day went on it became fun."

As students stood in front explaining step by step word problems or summarizing a Shakespearian verse, teachers sat in the back of the room critiquing their efforts. "I liked to have my students play my position so they can see how hard it is up there," Miss BeAnn Johnson, social studies teacher, said. "Sometimes I played the part of a student by raising my hand and asking questions.

Instructing a large crowd did not interest all students. Many found discussion groups of two to three people more comfortable. "With co-op learning, you could easily get your questions answered and explained better than trying to get it on your own and driving yourself crazy,' Jennifer Bieszczat, junior, said.

After spending 30 minutes on a multiple choice question, students realized they conversed on the wrong topic. For some, co-op learning wasted

their time as they discussed who's dating who rather than choice a, b or c. "Getting into groups just meant talk time," Carrie Kinnis, senior, said. "It was stupid because no work ever got done and people just sat there and talked instead of helping each other out."

Adding a fresh instructor to the classroom, student teachers contributed to daily activities in many classes. "Student teachers were fun because they were really easy-going since they were new at teaching," Nathan Compton, sophomore, said.

As teachers and students reversed their leads for a change of pace in the classroom, students learned the different aspects to the art of teaching, while teachers felt like pupils all over again.

ORDER IN THE COURT

To settle down the chaos between the plantiff and the defense attorney during the Scarlett Letter trials, Leslie Hundley junior, fulfills her job by gaining the attention of the court. The junior English classes conducted the trials, which included characters such as Roger Chillingsworth, Arthur Dimmesdale and Hester Prynne.

MAKING A POINT

While Mandy Blees, senior, explains material for an Advanced Placement Biology test, Scott Poludniak and Ed Dragomer, seniors, listen for clues and answers. Co-op learning provided open discussion and opinions to make learn ing more fun and understandable







TAKE CHARGE

Fulfilling his duty as Managing Editor of the Crier, Jim Brennan, senior, assigns stories at the weekly editorial board meeting. A student-run organization, the publications department published the newspaper and yearbook under the direction of teen editors and writers.



BABY FACE

Not satisfied with the natural taste of the pureed carrots, Jenny Cushing, junior, bitterly reacts as Tonya Arnold, senior, and Jen Coyle, junior, record their observations while participating in a baby food taste test in Child Development class. Child Development offered a hands on experience of parenthood.





As students try to focus on work, annoyances break concentration

RAISING CHAOS

Down to the last five minutes of class, with 7 out of 100 problems remaining, wheels continue turning, and concepts flowed from every part of the brain. All of the sudden, the Number 2 pencil whirls into the air from the jolt of the unexpected occurrence.

The fire alarm. At least once a month, the monotonous buzzing, which caused the entire student body and faculty to proceed to the outer perimeter of school property, disrupted the work hour by 10 to 15 minutes everytime.

In class interruptions occured more frequently than those that consisted of leaving the classroom. "It bugs me when, people sit and click flipper pens," Tim Wiatrowski, freshman, said. "While I have a regular pen and can't do anything back to them."

Along with the noises and insignificant small talk, students also dealt with the daily confrentation of annoying classmates. "Being bounced around in your seat while you're trying to read or take a test is so annoying," Erica Lesniak, junior, said. "It's the guys who push on the book rack shaking your seat hoping to get a rise out of you."

Lack of concentration due to interruptions during the period, didn't always pertain to the student, but also affected the teacher. "The one item in class that sets me off of the correct course is a clock that fails to tell the correct time," Mr. John Edington, Biology teacher, said.

Something so bothersome as a small insect not only created a fear in certain people, but often lead to a classroom full of chaos. "When you can almost feel the buzz of a bee right in your ear, you immediately start swinging," ManDee Adams, sophomore, said. "Then before you know it everyone starts in with their books or folders."

With the numerous ovals completely filled in and last seconds of class time dwindling down, a completion of the nerve-racking test resulted, de spite all the distractions.





UP, UP AND AWAY

REST AND RELAXING

Honoring her 16th birthday, Melissa Walsh, sophomore, anchors her bal-loons to her desk during Spanish class. Celebrating birthdays and special occassions during the school day gave students a reason to interrupt normal class routine.

Catching a few zzz's, Jeff Sheets, senior, naps during some free time in class. Rather then sleeping during the teacher's time and causing a distraction, students used the few remaining minutes at the end of class to snooze instead of getting a head start on homework







WRITE IT DOWN

Joyce Burke and Jill Waxman, freshmen, exchange questions during their Spanish class With noises like the pencil sharpener and talkative classmates, students often had trouble concentrating on their work.

SUGAR FIX

While snacking on a cherry-tlavored sucker in Ancient World History, Therese Keslin, freshman, awaits the answer to problem number three. The crackling noise of candy wrappers inter-rupted students from their work.

STUDY BREAK

SIUDT DHEAR

Before their next class, Joe Lalich and
Shaun Smith, seniors, try to use the next
seven minutes to cram for an upcoming
test. Backpacks allowed students to
carry test materials with them so they
could squeeze in study time whenever
they could scrounge up a few moments.





MAKING A MESS

Searching through her locker for the right notebook, Natalie Forburger, sophomore, continues to toss unneeded papers on the floor. Old papers and used folders often piled up in lockers until students finally found the chance to clean them out.

CHIT CHAT

Lounging on the Commons benches during passing period, Tonya Arnold, senior, and Jen Begonia, junior, discuss their weekend plans. Students loaded up their backpacks when they couldn't get to their lockers before class.









Easing travel, teens zip up, strap up and lock up backpacks. duffles and even small suitcases to tote their books

LUG THE LOAD

A back to school ritual: At the end of every summer, students traditionally designate one day for school supply shopping. Pen and pencil sets, color coordinated folders stored in orderly binders and something to store it all in...a backpack.

Students carried backpacks fashion statements, students to haul around books from a North hall class to a South hall class because they didn't have enough time to get to their Central hall locker. "Most of my classes were in the South and Central, so it was impossible not to carry a backpack," Jim Whiteley, sophomore, said, "I would never make it to class."

Having a backpack and a locker still didn't help those with the extra load of books. "I still carried three books in my hands because I was afraid my zipper would burst if I stuffed it," David Depa, junior, said, "I couldn't get to my locker until the end of the day to unload."

To keep up with the latest

MOUSE TRAP

Carefully removing a Homecoming mum from its' package, Kellen Rogan and Jen Warda seniors, contemplate where to place the flower. Rather than making use of their lockers, some students carried their books throughout with friends during passing periods.

chose to decorate their bags as they saw fit. "I had a lot of stuff drawn on my bag," Vicky Levan, sophomore, said. "That way I could tell it apart from my friends' bags who had the same type of backpack,"

Lockers' stiff knobs that didn't turn and levers that stuck when pulled upward caused tardiness to class. "My locker didn't open on the first try all year," Sarah Swanson, freshman, said. "I was late to every class until I got a backpack." Sharing lockers with friends

shortened the space available to store all personal belongings, "My boyfriend and I shared a locker together," Amy Kicho, senior, said. "He had so much stuff in there, I barely had room for my coat."

From multi-compartment Jansports to colorful collegiate bags, students found the most suitable way to tote their books and other belongings.



When confronting a problem or looking for quidance, students never hesitate to ask for assistance

HANDS ON HELP

Rather than completing complicated homework assignments or studying for an impossible test alone, students searched for someone to go to for a little guidance and, hopefully, an "A."

Trying to find a helping hand never posed a problem as students turned to friends for assistance. Study groups helped them learn from peers who experienced the same materials. "I always asked my friends for help," Jill Dunn, freshman, said. "They're easier to talk to and understand.

Many students looked to the convenience of a family member. Often, an older sibling came to the rescue because they had encountered the same experiences. "My sister had all the same classes that I had, so she knew how to do everything," Sara Blacke, sophomore, said.

Teachers made themselves available before and after school for the benefit of their students. "Sometimes, because of absence or other things that come up, kids fell behind," Mr. Jeff Graves, science teacher, said. "I was here after school on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday to help them."

On a test day, sneaky students obtained assistance from peers who had taken the exam already. Questions such as 'what was on the test?' echoed as students searched for answers. "Sometimes I asked people who already had the class for help," Ron Davidson, junior, said. "They usually told me what to study and explained the hard parts.'

To understand new materials better, students referred to tutors for extra assistance. National Honor Society (NHS) members provided the extra help needed during Resource Hour on Wednesdays. "I went to tutors to review vocab and math," loe Florczak, junior, said. "Hopefully, this helped me on my SAT's.

When faced with various dilemmas, students learned that asking for help proved much easier than trying to conquer a hard task alone.

CLASS CLOWNS

Resisting a Homecoming spirit makeover, Mr. Jack Yerkes, English teacher, avoids sophomores Jason Petrungaro and Amy Bohling's wrath. Teachers often needed a switch from the on students

APPLETALK

While working in the "Apple Orchard, Matt Economou, junior, receives assistance on his trigonometry assignment from Mrs. Barb Johnson, mathematics teacher. When learning new materials, students depended on teachers to pro









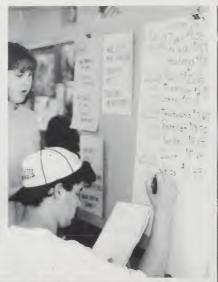


SWITCHING PLACES

Changing roles for the day, Bob Samardzic, sophomore, explains an al-gebra problem to look-alike Mr. Steve Wroblewski, mathematics teacher.

BUNCH A LUNCH

After preparing a dinner, Melissa Robbins and Bethany Moritz, juniors, and Aric Bohling, senior, work together to serve their meal in the buffet line.



ADD 'EM UP

the relief efforts for Hurricane Andrew



SKY HIGH

Trying to even the score Rob Wells, senior, jumps to make the save. Advisory programs, such as volleyball tournaments, allowed students to compete against Advisories of the same grade.

WORKING OUT
Toning up for the softball season, Amy
Czapla, junior, uses the leg machine in
the weight room. Students utilized
school facilities during the 53 minute
early dismissal on Wednesdays.





Trying to improve communication. Administrators develop Advisory and Resource periods

STRETCH IT OUT

"Where do I go? What time does class get out?" As Administration changed the school days, students tried to recall where to go. Concluding 53 minutes early on Wednesdays and adding an Advisory period, students and faculty experienced a change from the norm.

As an effort to improve communication with the student body, the Administration developed the Advisory period which met four days per week. With approximately 19 students per class, teachers attempted to get to know a group of advisees a little better. "My Advisory was great," Amy Muskin, senior, said. "We became very closely knit, like a family."

Students liked having Advisory because the 23-minute break between second and third hour made the day pass by. Participating in volleyball tournaments or celebrating birthdays, Advisory helped relieve some day-to-day stress. "We always had something planned to keep us enthusiastic," Andy Mikas, freshman, said. "I began looking forward to it."

Another renovation to the schedule, Resource Hour, provided time for faculty to meet and students to get their work done. The extra 58 minutes on Wednesdays gave teachers a chance to plan their activities for Advisory period and other school events. "Resource Hour

was extremely valuable. We got a lot accomplished," Dr. Kevin McCaffrey, principal, said. "It gave us the time we needed to work on new programs and other kinds of projects."

During the Resource Hour, students had access to the Audio Visual computers, weight room, Resource Center and Food Court. This time allowed students to finish their homework and complete research. "I stayed after school a few times to catch up with my studies," Abby Levin, sophomore, said. "That way I got to go out on the week nights with my friends."

However, other students utilized Wednesdays early dismissal for recreational purposes, such as catching a bite to eat or playing video games. "My friends and I would grab some food and veg out in front of the TV," Aaron Dumaresq, junior, said. "We totally escaped the pressures of school."

As the year progrssed, students became familiar with the new routine. Confusion over what class to go to turned into thoughts of normalcy as the schedule stabilized.

READY TO ROCK

Tuning his Fender Stratocaster to the right string, Jeremy Seaver, freshman, listens for the high pitch at a practice session at Highland Guitar Studio. Jeremy took guitar lessons once a week with hopes of stealing the spotlight in future Battle of the Bands.





HELPING HAND

After making grilled cheese sand wiches for a group of 14, Kristan Hatton, senior, shows Amy Adoba, age 10, how to clean snows Amy Adoba, age 10, now to clean a frying pan. On a six week long pro-gram, Kristan taught children ages 8-11 the fundamentals of cooking each Mon-day at the Munster Social Center.

FLYING SOLO

Adjusting the song book, Melissa Robbins, junior, sings a line from "Phan-tom of the Opera." Voice lessons helped prepare students in trying out for the fall and winter play and the spring musical.







From private lessons to college courses, students experience a different academic atmosphere

KEEP IN STEP

After six hours of boring lectures, note taking from the over-head projectors and reviewing study guides in English, math and science, students packed their backpacks and headed for classes at local colleges, social centers or a tutor's house.

With more than 70 classes to choose from, students picked subjects which they felt would prepare them for their desired occupation and for the future. "When I was in fifth grade, my parents told me I had a natural talent for art, so they signed me up to take classes at the Northern Indiana Arts Association," Annie Smith, freshman, said. "Taking art classes at school and outside of school helped me become better."

Trying to pave the road to college a little smoother, some students took courses that they could test out of and receive credit for them. "I took Japanese lessons from a private Japanese tutor and classes at Purdue Calumet," Julie Shah, junior, said. "Igot credit from the high-school and college, and that left me with one less class to worry about in college."

With little time on their hands, students took required

GRACE AND MOTION

Finishing her skating routine Wendy Wilkie, senior, prepares for an upcoming competition. To fulfill her dream of participating in the Iee Capades and Walt Disney World on Ice, Wendy practiced eveyday from 6 until 8 a.m. at subjects, such as speech and health and safety, during the summer in order to fit electives into their schedule. Others took advantage of the shorter semesters that summer school offered. "This past summer I took an economics and government class, so I'd have room in my schedule for classes I always wanted to take, instead of required ones all the time," Phil Mylanarski, senior, said.

Rather than going to certain classes at different times, correspondence courses allowed students a chance to learn on their own. Cost for subjects ranged from \$50 to \$60, while labs cost \$100 for one package. "Correspondence was much simpler than classes at school because it was easier and you could take your time," Rich Korns, senior, said. "I could do all of the homework on my own time at home. instead of having to come to school each day for another six hours."

As tutor sessions and evening classes came to a close, students unloaded their folders and books onto their desks at home, and started to work on three hours of schoolwork.





"QUICK! I'VE GOT TO GET TO

practice before Coach kills me. He's really uptight since this will be our last chance to take the Lake Suburban

FALL SPORTS FALL SPORTS Fan Support............80 Volleyball...........94 WINTER SPORTS Recreational Sports...98 Wrestling..........110 SPRING SPORTS Time Commitments..112 Soccer..........120

Conference (LSC) Championship. Starting next year it'll be completely different. It'll be so cool if we could make it down to State. Gotta run..."

WITH THE LSC COMING to a close, the Boys' Swim Team captured its' 17th championship while Mike Stennis, senior, set a Conference Record in the 100 backstroke.

AFTER COMPETING FOR 10 weeks during the regular season, the Girls' Golf Team golfed for only five hours to roll their way to sixth in the State. AT THEIR SECTIONAL

meet, the Boys' Cross Country Team edged past Bishop Noll by one point,

qualifying for Regionals for the first time in three years.

BEFORE THE CALUMET GAME, 48 varsity football players chose to "bare it all" when they shaved their heads to show their team spirit. Although the cut took only 90 seconds, sights of hair growth did not exist until three weeks later.

BETWEEN MORNING PRACTICES AND night games, students rushed to complete homework and catch a few winks of sleep as they strived to...BEAT THE CLOCK.

ON THE BALL With only two minutes left in the second quarter, Dave Brown, senior, tries to get a lead on T.F. South. During the last quarter of the game, the team passedthe Rebels with a 62-54 victory.

LAVING

it on the line, athletes balance hectic schedules

With only 24 hours in a day, athletes had to squeeze as much out of it as possible. Spending extra time after school for practice and games, students in sports stretched time for athletics, academics and personal lives.

With little time to do homework, athletes faced conflicts and needed to set priorities. "It was hard when you had to worry about schoolwork and then spend a few hours every day at practice." Matt Knoepke, freshman, said. "It made you decide what was most important and get it done without wasting time."

Some students used athletics to form friendships with teammates. Between road games and late practices, players spent much time together, resulting in a closely-knit team. "I liked being in sports all year because it made me spend time with people I ordinarily wouldn't have," Jacki Nebelsiek, sophomore, said. "I made a lot of friends on the different teams."

In addition to forming new relationships, athletes enjoyed the routine of daily practice. "Practices and games were an alternative to sitting around, watching television." Kim Schmitz, senior, said. "I had something to do everyday: I just had to remember whether I should go to volleyball, basketball or track practice after school."

Participating in multiple sports caused players to miss practice early in a new season. When the football team went to Sectional finals, the basketball team waited for the return of athletes who played both sports. "It was awkward when the seasons overlapped,"

Jeff Bagull, junior, said. "It made things hard on coaches and the athletes."

While conflicting seasons created problems, coaches usually coped, according to Freshman Girls' Basketball Coach Jim Davidson, industrial technology teacher. "I think it is good for students to be involved with as many activities they can," he said. "Although, it is very hard to excel in one when involved with many."

Keeping up with homework provided additional obstacles. "I never had time to finish my homework," Ian Baggett, senior, said. "I came home after practice and started my homework right away. I tried to figure out what was most important and got it done."

Despite all of the hardships that balancing a busy schedule called for, in the long run it came out for the best. "Iwas tired all day because I had to get up early in the morning to lift weights and stay after school for practice," Andy Baker, junior, said. "But it is worth it if you want to win."

With homework and practices year round, athletes carefully balanced their time between sports, schoolwork and socializing.

pre-game practice

To complete his homework before a cross country meet, Brad Vliek, junior, utilizes the half hour between school and his race. Athletes had to make the most of their time in order to keep up with schoolwork.

heading out

As they board the bus, the Girls' Basketball Team contemplates their upcoming game. Visiting other schools on weekdays required extra travel time, leaving less for other responsibilities.











While warming up for a volleyball game, Yvette Castor, sophomore, practices her serve. In addition to three hours of daily practice regimens, the girls polished their skills before games through team drills and individual conditioning.

quick fix

To repair the air valve on a helmet, football To repair the air valve on a helmet, tootball manager Radley Robinson, junior, uses a screw-driver to dig it out. Managers, trainers and coaches, as well as athletes, put in extra hours to help improve team performance.

strong shots help

Boys' Tennis win

final Conference title

Seeking a Sectional title, the Boys' Tennis Team began the season with definite goals to accomplish.

The team set these goals at the end of last year and worked all summer to achieve them, according to Ron Davidson, junior. Their work showed when they opened the season with six consecutive victories. "Munster has a strong tradition in tennis, and we worked hard in practice and before games to make the team better." Davidson said.

The team finished the season with a 6-0 Conference record and captured the final Lake Suburban Conference (LSC) Championship Tennis title before the formation of next year's Lake Ten Conference. "Winning the Conference championship was a big accomplishment for us. Being a part of the last team to ever hold the Lake Conference Championship title had a lot of sentimental value," Co-captain Ravi Gupta, senior, said

In addition to capturing the LSC championship, the team completed the regular season with a 13-2 record. They went on to capture the Sectional title, beating Hammond Morton and Bishop Noll. "After winning second place in the South Bend Clay Invitational and beating strong teams like Valparaiso, we knew our team had the ability to go

far in the state tournament," Davidson said. "We went into Sectionals expecting to win."

They continued winning matches, defeating Kankakee Valley and Highland to become Regional champions. "We were extremely pleased with our undefeated record through Sectionals and Regionals," Coach Ed Musselman, math teacher, said. "We worked hard in preparing for Semistate in hopes of going to State."

After beating Goshen in the first round of Semi-state, the team ended their season with a loss to Plymouth. "We were disappointed after losing to Plymouth," Dan Byrne, sophomore, said. "They were just the better team."

Even though the boys did not make it to the state tournament, the team concluded their season with the satisfaction of surpassing their original goals. "This was an extremely successful year for the Tennis Team, as a whole," Coach Musselman said, "After the loss to Plymouth, we walked away as a team. But most of all, we had fun along the way.'

Awaiting the return of his volley, Eric Ribble, junior, moves to the baseline. Ribble and let the Junior Varsity team gain a 13-1-1 record.

Boys' Tennis 13-2 6-0 LSC

- 5-0 Hammond Gavit
- 5-0 Hammond High
- 5-0 Hammond Morton
- 5-0 Lake Central 2nd South Bend Clay
- Invitational
- 5-0 Griffith

- LaPorte Invitional
- 2-3 LaPorte
- 5-0 Calumet
- 5-0 Merrillville
- Sectionals
- 5-0 Hammond Morton
- 5-0 Bishop Noll Regionals
- Semi-State
- 4-0 Goshen



sophomore, recovers while Steve Tulowitzki,



Boys' Tennis Team

(front row) Jason Holajter, Mike Rosenstein, Eric Ribble, Kevin Johnson, Brett Friedman. (second row) Sunil Pinnamaneni, Brent Gust, AJ Detterline, Brian VanBokkelen, Mark Sampias, Mark Grabski, Ross Vanator. (third row) Mr. Ed Musselman, Dan Frailich, Jerrod Simonetto, Mark Hinshaw, Min Park, BJ Palmer, Dan Byrne. (back row) Steve Tulowitzki, Chirag Shah, Ravi Gupta, Ron Davidson, Bob Tracy, Gary Almase, Ray Doerner.





hair raiser

Focusing on his form, co-captain Min Park, senior, practices his top-spin serve to gain his spot on the number one doubles team. Team members returned to school a week early in preparation for the season, which helped Park earn a 20-4 record and First Team All-Conference honors.

swing into action

While warming up before the Griffith match, BJ Palmer, sophomore, prepares to hit a lob to partner Ray Doerner, junior. Palmer won in straight sets, helping the Mustangs achieve a 6-0 Conference record.





back at you

Before entering the LaPorte Invitational, co-captain Ravi Gupta, senior, practices his backhand. Gupta went on to finish the season with a 16-7 record and received All Conference honors.

girl reg

girls drive through

regular season

to place sixth at State

With a season 9 hole average of 188 for the team, the Girls' Golf Team rolled through the regular season and drove into the State finals.

Coach Tom Whiteley, social studies teacher, knew the team had the talent to return to State. "Everyone pitched in," Coach Whiteley said. "This was the first time that all four players had a nine-hole average under fifty."

During the regular season, the Mustangs tied the team low score record twice for 18 holes with a 363 while finishing the season with a 11-0 dual record. *Our dual schedule wasn't that tough," Shoshana Gordon, junior, said. "Most of our competition was in the invitationals."

Upon reaching Sectionals, the team captured first place shooting a 375 for 18holes. "Weall shot around an 88 and didn't need one person to pull us through." Karin Weidenfeller, senior, said. "That's been our biggest strength."

joking around

After playing four straight holes, Shoshana Gordon, junior, jokes with Coach Tom Whiteley, social studies teacher, about beating his score. Coach Whiteley challenged team members to a dual match in order to expose players to competition during practices.

At the Regional tournament, the girls placed second to Rensselaer. "It would havebeen nice to win it, but it let us go to State, which was our goal from the beginning of the season," Sara Conley, sophomore, said.

For the second consecutive year, the girls went down to compete in the State Tournament. "Most of us did not play up to our full potential, but we did make it to the second round," Galyn Gasparovic, junior, said.

After shooting a 365 the first day and a 367 the second day for a total of 732, the Lady Mustangs completed the second round placing sixth out of 15 teams. "The score would have been good enough for second place last year," Coach Whiteley, said. "This season, in all, was very satisfying—not only for me, but also for the girls."

After all had ended, the Girls' Golf Team finished the season with an undefeated regular season record, a Sectional Title and a place in the State Championship.

in the deep

In a battle to get her ball out of the rough, Karin Weidenfeller, senior, Jines her club up with the first hole at the Woodmar Country Club in Hammond. Karin assisted the Lady Mustangs to their sixth place State rank by maintaining her 45 9-hole season average.

Girls' Golf

11-0 363 2nd Rensselaer Invite

363 3rd Lafayette Jeff Invite 390 1st Michigan City Invite

172-178 Crown Point

201-246 Valparaiso 215-314-321 Chesterton Kno

205-346 Merrillville 183-232 Lake Central

196-234 Andrean

190-247 Bishop Noll

171-207 Portage 191-222 Michigan City

Marquette 379 2nd LaPorte Invite

375 1st Sectionals

367 2nd Regionals
State

367 6th first week 365 6th second week







in the sand

Chipping the ball out of a sand trap, Mary Kunkel, senior, attempts to stroke onto the green. One of the only two seniors in the top five spots, Kunkel participated in the State tournament for her second year in a row.

Girls' Golf Team

(front row) Tiffany Silgaits, Shoshana Gordon, Galyn Gasparovic, Amanda Fisher, Sara Conley. (bakr row) Lauren Hensley, Sharon Spicer, Karin Weidenfeller, Mary Kunkel, ManDee Adams.





hoie in one

With an easy stroke, Galyn Gasparovic, junior, waits for the ball to sink into the hole. Living in Briar Ridge, Gasparovic practiced daily in order to achieve the number one record on the team.

close shave

Taking a breather during the Calumet game, Jeff Sheets, Erik Fleischman and Jon Czapla, seniors, encourage their teammates from the sideline. The team displayed their shaven heads as a sign of spirit.

second to none

Before the Griffith game, the Football Team gets last minute advice from Coach Leroy Marsh, health and safety teacher. Marsh fired up his team to make sure they played with intensity and grasped control from the start of each game.







team points

to work ethics

for Sectional title

Varsity Football

4-2 I SC 34-7 Hammond High 26-0 Highland 20-14 Lowell 20-31 EC Central 54-6 Calumet 14-20 Lake Central Sectionals 43-19 Gary Horace Mann 14-7 Hammond Clark

7-9 Lowell

Coming into the season, the Varsity Football Team realized that talent alone would not win games. They learned that serious work ethics paved off in the long run.

The team's pride showed from the hot days of August until the final whistle blew at Lowell's frozen field in November. "Our positive attitude, or what most guvs would call 'cockyness,' kept us focused," Kevin Kolb, senior, said.

The team opened its season with a 34-7 victory against the Hammond Wildcats, "The team had normal opening game jitters," Tim Fesko, junior, said. "[Brian] Eldridge [junior] stepped up and set the tone for the game."

The team then traveled to Highland to win their second straight Battle of the Bridge, defeating the Trojans 26-0. "We were so excited that we did a spoof

down and out

tackle Matt Krol, senior, gets helped off the field enough time to earn Honorable Mention Allon Hammer," Matt Mertz, senior, said. "'Two repeat, two repeat is sweet."

After winning their first two games. the team battled top-ranked Griffith. The Panthers held a 14-7 lead before halftime, but pulled away in the second half to hand the team their first loss 27-7. "We were excited to have a chance to beat one of the better teams in the state," Jeff Sheets, senior, said. "We played our hearts out the first half, but were out-played the second."

The team went on to play Lowell knowing they had a tough game ahead of them. "In years past Lowell didn't get or deserve much respect, but we knew we were going to have to play a physical game," Fesko said. "We won a hard hitting, cheap shots game."

The East Chicago Cardinals arrived for a match-up and upset the Homecoming atmosphere with a 31-20 victory. "We played well, but [East Chicago's Royce Roberson was a little better," Ryan Popa, junior, said. "He is an excellent running back who is tough to contain." (continued on pg. 89)





Matt Mertz, Jeff Bendis, Andy Deren. (second row) Matt Mybeck, Brad Caddick, Mark Myers, Jeff Bagull, Mike Jez, Tim Fesko, Grady Willis, Brian Eldridge. (third row) Matt Krol, Ryan McCormick, Mike Stewart, Kevin Kolb, Larry Luna, Mike Mendoza, Adam Hansen. (fourth row) Paul Siska, Tim Bogner, CI Compton, Kevin Davis, Milan Dotlich, Bob Gonzales, Steve Holka, Tim Semchuck. (fifth row) Dave Ortman, Pete Mangus, Mark Gralewski, Dan Wilson, Joe Riccio, Adrian Smith, Brent Bonnar, Ryan Popa, Jeff O'Connor. (sixth row) Burt Hulse, Joe Vusak, Chris Marsh, Tony Bazarko, Tom Anzur, Keith Thomas, Josh Dorka, Don Carter.(seventh row) Rob Kopenec, George Voukidis, Brian Glassco, Ryan Korthauer, Travis McMahen, Jeff Alters, Brendan Ellis, Don Williams, Matt Kalwasinski, Becky Keith. (back row) Bob Shinkan, Dirk Sloan, Dave Franklin, Leroy Marsh, Jack Yerkes, Tom Largus, John Doherty, Radley Robinson.



collision course

Stopping the East Chicago full back at the line of scrimmage, CJ Compton (80), junior, and the defense held him to a minimal gain. The Mustangs' defensive line managed to let up an average of 11 points per game.

final countdown

While the football team loosens up their hamstrings, Coach Tom Largus yells out instructions for proper stretching. Football players returned to Barney Hill Stadium two weeks before school began to practice for their opening game against Hammond High on Aug. 28.





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10-7 Hammond
13-8 Highland
20-0 Griffith
20-17 Lowell
13-27 EC Central

20-17 Lowell 13-27 EC Central 20-0 Crown Point Calumet Forfi 7-42 Lake Central

Freshmen Football A 5-2 30-6 Highland 40-14 Griffith 31-18 Lowell 21-14 Lew Wallace

0-20 Crown Point 36-14 Gavit 7-20 Lake Central

Freshmen Football B

1-4 7-24 Highland 14-54 Lake Central 0-20 Crown Point 7-14 Griffith 21-20 Highland When the team hosted the Crown Point Bulldogs, the Mustangs managed to win a defense-oriented game. "It was nice to wina game in front of the fans," Brian Eldridge, junior, said. "This was our best all-around game of the season; it gave us great momentum for the Lake Central game."

The team proved victorious over the Calumet Warriors to place second in the Lake Suburban Conference (LSC) by defeating Lake Central. "The team was hungry and we wanted a piece of LC," Jeff Bendis, senior, said.

The two rivals squared off to play for second place in the LSC. Lake Central captured first when they had a gamewinning interception returned for a touchdown. "We were devastated and disappointed after the game," Head Coach Leroy Marsh, health and safety teacher, said. "After the initial disappointing feeling the team was excited

off and running

After straight-arming an East Chicago tackler, running back, Brian Eldridge, junior, breaks into the open field. Eldridge led the team in rushing with 1,234 yards gained for the season. about the way they played."

Favored over Horace Mann by the Post-Tribune, the Mustangs opened their post-season with a positive attitude. "When we saw the draw we knew the title was within our reach," Steve Holka, junior, said.

The teamstarted Sectional play with a 49-18 triumph against Cary Horace Mann. In the second round, they beat Hammond Clark 14-7, to advance to the Sectional finals. "The key to both games was controlling our excitement on the field, and concentrating on making these games! like a regular season game." Matt Krol, senior, said.

Injuries to Bendis, Eldridge and Jeff Bagull, junior, plagued the secondary during the Sectional final game against Lowell. The game came down to one final drive which failed, resulting in a 9-7 defeat. "We had enough talent to win even with those injuries," Coach Marsh said. "But Lowell played with more enthusiasm than we did."

Although the team failed to capture the Sectional title, they finished their season with a 7-4 winning record.





Freshman Football Team

(front row) Dan Kmeic, Keith Madderom, Mike Stroupe, John Weaver, Robert Wojek, John Ramire, (second row) Plat Schneider, Chuck Ranich, Joe Mendoza, Andy Miller, Aatron Zambo, Chris Gibbs, Mike Fleek, (hindr wor) Chuck Harvey, Tavais McMahne, Scott Zimmerman, Mark Pesich, Joe Ferguson, (houth row) Chris Roup, John Rybicki, Rob Crider, Mark Ward, Nick Qualls, Paul DelRio, Adam Jagedich, (fifth row) Matt Casper, Matt Kneepke, Don Buikema, 8be Rogan, DJ Steinberg, Adam Lulliski, (bac krow) Jim Basil, Pete Konjevich, Al Bochnowski, Dennis Spangler, Brad DeChantal, Jav Jarkus.





on your mark

Upon hearing the starting call, the runners break away hoping for a team victory. As a whole, the girls placed second to Hobart, but defeated Griffith on Sept. 17 at Community Park.

follow the leader

Trying to pull away from her opponents, Julie Shaw, junior, increases her lead over Ruth Pursel, junior. Despite a lack of seniors and experience, the team placed 10 at Regionals.





despite injuries.

girls beat downfalls.

qualify for Regionals

Girls' Cross Country

1-3 LSC 15-50 Chesterton 6th Gavit Invite 13th TF South Invite

-80 Calumet -83 Griffith 59-15 Hobart -66 Griffith 8th Lowell Invite 15th Lake Central Invite 17th Highland Invite 60-14 Lew Wallace 8th Clark Invite

47-35 Morton. -47 E.C. Central 5th Sectionals

With pulled hamstrings, shin splints and twisted ankles in abundance, the Girls' Cross Country Team overcame an injury-stricken season with a 4-6 record and a spot in the Regional meet.

In addition to the many injuries, helping new members adjust to the routine caused complications for the team. "We had to help new runners learn courses and get used to the hard work that goes into cross country," Corrie Watterson, junior, said.

With personal records in mind, the team focused beyond Conference to the Sectional meet. "It was hard to tell how we were going to do in Sectionals because people with injuries were coming back and no one knew what their potential was," Amy Cornelison, sophomore, said.

To boost morale, teammates psyched up 'secret pals,' by exchanging candy bars, bottles of Snapple and good luck trolls before Sectionals.

overstrained

Watterson, junior, comforts Erin O'Connor, junior. O'Connor sprained her ankle at Forsyeth "Each of us would write an inspirational note to someone else," co-captain Jen Ramanna, senior, said. "It gave everyone a more positive attitude and let the girls who could not run know that they were still important."

Managing to take fifth place at the Sectional meet, the team squeezed their way into Regionals by a mere four points. "We were tied with Bishop Noll, which meant they had to add the scores of the sixth runners," Erin O'Connor, junior, said. "I was the sixth runner and I had a bad race, so we were not sure what to expect."

Although the team finished last at Regionals, they still accomplished their season goal--getting there. "Going into Regionals, we knew that we would be running against Crown Point and other state-ranked teams," Coach Rita Camire said. "It was time to really concentrate since the teams we usually planned on beating had already been eliminated."

Despite the numerous obstacles, the Girls' Cross Country Team managed to achieve Regional qualification for the third consecutive year.





Girls' Cross Country Team

Bethany Moritz, Julie Shaw, Amy Rasch. (back Kraay, Amy Cornelison, Dana Wierzbinski, Ruth Pursel

keeping pace

Morton, Bethany Moritz, junior, crosses the finish line. The team finished third at their last

FINS

boys achieve

season goal

with Regional qualification

Sporting top 10 reason shirts banned by Mr. John Tennant, athletic director, and tin foil hats during practice, the success of the Boys' Cross Country Team seemed questionable.

Because of a lack of seriousness, the team had to crack down and concentrate in order to acheive their goal: regional qualification. "This team carried a certain brand of lunacy that I've never experienced," Coach Aaron Brown, middle school teacher, said. "I wasn't sure what to expect."

Concentration paid off when they captured third place at Conference. "We were longing to place high at Conference." co-captain Chris Fortin, junior, said. "All of us did our best and placed high."

Aside from individual placement, the teams' ability to close the gap be-

out of sight

Upon receiving last minute instructions from Coach Aaron Brown, middle school teacher, the team prepares to line up Sectionals. They advanced to Regionals, placing eighth.

tween runners also served as an aid. "We were consistent all year," Ron Magliola, junior said. "If one of us was having a bad day, there was always someone to take our place."

During Sectionals, the team edged past Bishop Noll by two points, barely qualifying for Regionals. "I wasn't expecting to qualify for Regionals," Jim Whiteley, sophomore, said. "The fact that it was so close made it so much more exciting,"

The boys' season ended after placing eighth at Regionals. "I was happy that we made it," Coach Brown said."I was also impressed with the overall improvement of the team."

Although they couldn't pull off a winning record (2-7), the team still achieved their goal of Regional qualification for the first time in three years.

out of breath

Taking fifth, Brad Vliek, junior, breaks through the finish line at the Conference meet held at Lemon Lake. With a 19:37 time, Vliek's run contributed to a number five placement. Boys' Cross Country

2-7 1-3 LSC 4th Gavit Invite 4th Crown Point Invite 16th TF South Invite 28-66 Lowell

-36 Calumet 81-88 Horace Mann, -32 EC Central,

-37 Bishop Noll 6th Lowell Invite 5th LC Invite 10th Highland Invite 45-55 EC Central,

7th Clark Invite 34-69 Lake Central, -22 Griffith

3rd Conference 5th Sectionals 8th Regionals



get a leg up

Before Conference, Jim Whiteley, sophomore, works his hamstrings. Pre-race warm ups consisted of a one mile jog and routine stretches.









Boys' Cross Country Team

(front rein) Cosmin Dombrescu, Joe Furdek, Jim Whiteley, Ron Magliola, Phil Spence. (back row) Brad Vliek, Chris Wojtowich, Chris Fortin, Coach Aaron Brown, Eric Slazyk, Paul Horner,

running on empty

With one final stretch, Ron Magliola, junior, places first in the Junior Varsity race. The team placed fourth overall at the Hammond Clark Invitational.

hopes remain high

as spirits soar

to win Sectionals

Twelve volleyball players donned new red and white pin striped jerseys to psych themselves up for the big game. With soaring spirits, they brought home a 18-9 winning record.

Through tiresome practices, the team worked together by improving passing, setting and serving to prepare for the season. "We started practicing three weeks before school for three hours a day, five days a week," Patty Hemmingway, junior, said. "We had to do sprint drills to get used to the game again."

With a 5-1 regular record, the volleyball team captured the Lake Suburban Conference (LSC) title. "That was the best feeling. The team went nuts after we won," Kim Schmitz, senior, said. "We were so determined to win."

Team spirit reached its peak prior to games. "Before the game all 12 of us would get on our hands and knees in a circle on the court, pounding on the ground," Lisa Hernandez, senior, said

"We would get really loud and yell: Varsity Volleyball 'BTA' (Best Team Around). That helped get the team in the right mood."

Meeting all of the teams' goals in one week, the Mustangs beat Bishop Noll and Valparaiso. "We played the hardest we had ever played that week," Coach Carmie Thorton said. "Our performance on the court was amazing."

Through a great deal of team work, the girls pulled together to prove victorious at Sectionals. "We worked really hard to get that far," co-captain Amy Brown, senior, said, "As a team, we felt we had achieved a lot."

When Regionals approached, the team's spirits fell with a defeat. "We didn't play as hard as we could have," Kristin Krupinski, senior, said. "The skill just wasn't there."

As the jersey hung in the players' closets, season memories filled their minds. The girls learned that winning didn't mean the world. High spirits and effective team work did

20-9 5-1 I SC

- 2-0 Morton
- 2-0 Hobart
- 2-0 Hammond High 2-0 Valparaiso
- 2-1 Bishop Noll 2-0 EC Central
- 2-0 Whiting 2-0 Highland
- 2-0 Merrillville

- 2-0 Lowell
- 2-0 Lake Central Sectionals
- 2-0 Griffith 2-0 Lake Central
- Regionals 0-2 Bishop Noll
- 0-2 Kokomo
- 2-0 New Castle 0-2 Clinton Prairie
- Chesterton Tourney
- 2-0 Portage
- 0-2 Chesterton
- Merrillville Invite 2-0 Merrillville
- 1-2 Penn
 - 0-2 McCutcheon

IV Volleyball 12-8

- 2-0 Hanover 1-2 Morton
- 2-0 Hobart

- 2-0 Bishop Noll
- 2-0 EC Central
- 2-0 Merrillville
- 1-2 Crown Point
- 2-0 Calumet
- 0-2 Lake Central
- Michigan City RogersTourney
- 0-2 Michigan City
- 1-2 Ft. Wayne Northrop
- 2-0 Warsaw
- Lowell Tourney 0-2 Highland



on the line

ball over the net to a Lake Central Indian opponent, Deb Glass, referee, watches to make impartial call. The team beat Lake Central 2-0 in the last game of their winning season

moment of silence

Varsity volleyball players Becky Moore, Lisa Hernandez, seniors, and Patty Hemmingway, a crucial call. The team defeated Lowell 2-0 which lifted spirits for Sectionals



practice makes perfect

Practicing for the upcoming Calumet meet, Lisa Hernandez, senior, bumps the ball in an attempt to improve her fundamentals. The team worked on their specialties individually in order to play a better all-around game



nt row) Mary Petrovich, Jeanine Baciu, Jamie Muskin, Michelle Crepeau, Patty Hemmingway, Christina Mead. (back row) Heather Rutz, Natalie Folta, Amy Brown, Kim Schmitz, Lisa Hernandez, Becky Moore, Kristin Krupinski, Coach Carmi Thorton.



(front row) Denise Bertagnolli, Yvette Castor, Nikki Bartok, Amy Stennis, Alaina Altschul, Kristin Fisher. (back row) Julie Fekete, Sara Blacke, Jill Heaney, Coach Chuck Schallhorn, Jacki Nebelsiek, Amy Folta, Nicole Gonzales

Freshman Volleyball		
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9-7	2-6	
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2-0 Merrillville	2-0	
2-1 Clark	2-1	
0-2 Valpo	1-2	
2-0 Hammond Hig	h	
1-2 Bishop Noll		
2-1 Highland		
2-1 Hobart		
0-2 Portage		
0-2 Bishop Noll	0-2	
2-1 Clark	1-2	
1-2 Crown Point		
2-1 Andrean		
1-2 Lowell		
2-1 Lake Central	0-2	

2-0 Highland Valparaiso Tourney 2 Merrillville

2 LaPorte 2 Portage



Freshman Volleyball Team

(front row) Cassy Pence, Davina Muzumdar, Amy Strong, Samantha Grigsby, Marlene Coyne, Jessica Gorski, Leslie Hernandez. (back row) Mary Kaye Rueth, Dana Lazar, Kay Watson, Elizabeth Keslin, Coach Don Fortner, Katie Pomroy, Karen Prisby,



sectional title slips

from grasp, as eight

qualify for State

With a powerful start off the block, the Girls' Swim Team splashed their way into a 6-0 Conference record

Getting off to a good start required the team to improve their skills by training all year. "The swim team made a big commitment; there was a lot of work involved," Amy Boyle, sophomore, said. "We had to help each other out when things got tough.

The Lady Seahorses opened the season with nine straight victories, including an emotional win against Lake Central. "Victories against arch-rivals really got us pumped early in the season," Jessica McHie, senior, said.

Psyched up for competition, the Lady Seahorses achieved a 14-2 overall record, losing only to second and fifth state-ranked teams. "The regular season helped us to gain some maturity," Karen Edington, junior, said. "We had many close games that gave us confidence in our ability to swim fast when the game was on the line."

Seeking a Sectional victory, the Lady Seahorses won six of eight events.

but had to settle for second. "Although we wanted to take Sectionals, we knew we could redeem ourselves through our eight State qualifiers," McHie said.

When preparing for State, the team had to stay focused, according to Coach Paula Malinski, physical education teacher. "We wanted to go down and perform to our capabilities, and that those individuals who qualified would be able to get back up after Sectionals," Coach Malinski said.

Concluding their season, the team placed 13 at the State tournament in the 200-meter freestyle relay. "State was special for me because it was the last time I swam for Munster," co-captain Amy Gust, senior, said.

As the water rippled through the pool, the season floated to a calm end with the Lady Seahorses qualifying eight for state.

out of breath

After she completes a practice set, co-captain Amy Gust, senior, checks the clock for her time. A four-time State qualifier, Gust made the Academic All-State team

Girls' Swimming 14-2 6-0 LSC 101-85 Lake Central 75-14 Calumet 57-35 Griffith 139-44 EC Central 101-85 Crown Point 116-67 Highland

70-116 Valparaiso 4th Lake Central Diving Invite 2nd Highland Invite 125-60 Rensselaer

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fired up

To hype up the team, captains Sara Rodenberg, Amy Gust and Stephanie Blacke, seniors, lead the swimmers in chants. "We're From Seahorse Country" started off each meet, pumping them up for a victory



perfect ten

After completing a backdive, Robin Harwood. junior, gets ready to receive her score. The swim team had practice before and after school resulting in a three hour workday









(front row) Sara Pipping, Laura Buehne, Joyce Burke, Theresa Mikula, Erin Damjanovich, Jill Waxman. (second row) Jaime Jablonski, Amy Hundley, Katie Erickson, Amy Boyle, Jill Pfister, Kristen Weber, Sallamah Aliah, Kelly Brakebill, Brandi Archer. (third row) Holli McCormick, Jessica Joens, Amanda Horvath, Kelly (Burdrago) Holli McCormuck, Jessaca Joens, Amanda 1 torvatn, Netiv Pfrister, Sara Rodenburg, Karen Edington, Meghan Woodrick, Jill Smeberg, Gabrina Garza, Kate Sindali. (burth row) Stephanie Blacke, Amy Gust, Jessica McHei, Nickle (Lee, Kristine Loprich, Kristi Amdahl, Tracy Fant, Jodi Dykstra. (back row) Jenny Ramos, Carrie Hanas, Sarah Joens, Julie Dunn, Katie Amdahl, Robin Harwood, Paula Malinski.

take a plunge
In deep concentration, Carrie Hanas, junior, waits for the right moment to execute an inward. Hanas placed sixth at the Sectionals

Enthusiasts push sports to a new direction

In an attempt to avoid the monotony of the regular routine at school, stu-

dents threw down their books and tackled recreational activities un-affiliated with the school.

Girls soccer played their league games every fall and spring on Sundays in Munster "I have played since I was little," Kristan Hatton, senior, said. "It's a good way to keep in shape while having fun at the same time.

Girls needing some summer excitement turned to softball played at Community Park. "It helped keep me busy during the summer," Denise Bertagnolli, freshman, said. "Plus, all my friends played."

With equipment costing between \$200 and \$400, the Munster Hockey Team offered their sport to those who wanted a little contact. "You got to hit people and it was legal," Chris Clifford, freshman, said.

Once football season had ended, students still enjoyed playing backyard games with friends. "One season ended and another began," Ryan Popa, junior, said

Rather then playing for the school team, Biddy Basketball had games every Sunday in the fieldhouse. "I liked the competition between my friends and I," Steve Holka, junior, said. "We always talked trash to each other saying how much better our teams were."

Not only did sports grab the interest

of students, but teachers also enjoyed the thrill of competition. "I was a second baseman for my softball team," Miss BeAnn Johnson, social studies teacher, said. "It was a great way to stay healthy and play with friends in the summer

Students also looked towards sports as a way to relieve tension. "I lifted weights to relieve stress," Steve Cornelison, senior, said. "And it made me look good on the beach.'

To imitate their idols, students went out and purchased exercise videos costing around \$15. "I did the Cindy Crawford one. It made me feel good and I kept in shape. I did it a couple times a week or whenever I was bored," Nikki Alters, freshman, said.

West Minister Presbyterian, South Side Christian, Christian Youth Organization (CYO) and B'nai Brith Youth Organization (BBYO) offered basketball and volleyball for involved athletes. "I played volleyball for West Minister Presbyterian during the winter on Saturday mornings," Kristin Johnson, junior, said. "We played other churches in the area."

Whether playing backyard ball at a friend's house, going to Indianapolis to play with a traveling team or gaining an edge on the competition before the start of the season, students participated in non-school sports to add diversity to their regular schedules.







serve it up

Working on his volley, Ravi Gupta, senior, takes a lesson at Match Point. With eight different courts to choose from, tennis players took lessons from the pros.

strike a pose

With an eye on the lead pin, Mike Fekete, junior, bowls for a strike. To cure boredom, bowlers took advantage of the many area bowling alleys



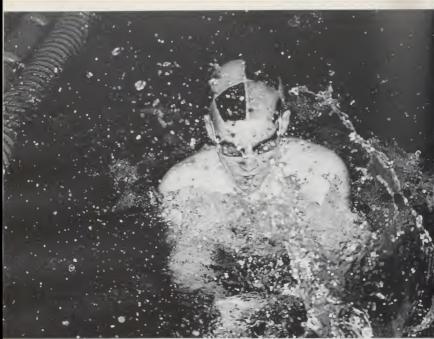


swing low

To get some fresh air after school, John Szypczak, freshman, swings on the tire at Frank H. Hammond Park. Students took advantage of the park's 400 meter track, basketball courts, and three tennis courts.

bladerunners

To get in shape before summer Susie Baretz, Laura Triana, Susie Boyle, juniors, rollerblade and jog around Frank H. Hammond's track. Instead of working out alone, students exercised with friends to eliminate monotonous routines.





reaching back

Finishing up his practice regime, Mike Stennis, senior, pushes his limit of fatigue a little further at practice during winter break. Hard work paid off for Stennis, who won the State title in the 100 meter backstroke.

looking up

While awaiting the end of practice, John Burkey, senior, listens to Coach Jon Jepsen, physical education teacher's, advice. Practicing twice a day helped Burkey win second at State in the 200 meter individual medley.



Boys' swimming

stretch their way

to 5th at State

Boys' Swimming 16-1 98-88 Red -White 132-54 West Lafayette 130-56 Lake Central 1st Munster relays 100-86 Portage 84-102 South Bend Riley 1st Highland Invite 141-45 Merrillville 107-82 Calumet Conference 1st place 441 points 114-73 Chesterton Sectionals 1st place 428 points

5th place 138 points

As the swimmer took his mark on the block, he gazed to the other side of the pool. He knew that his competitors worked all year for this moment, but only one could win the race. A nervous twitch passed through his body when he looked down the length of the pool.

the race began.

The Boys' Swim Team prepared for this moment during the eight-month off season. "We thought we would have a good season if we wanted it bad enough," Coach Jon Jepsen, physical education teacher, said.

The thunder of the gun sounded and

With a 14-1 regular season record, the team set out to accomplish their

checkmate

Switching between strokes during his 200 meter IM, Brent Gust, sophomore, works to finish the race against Lake Central. Gust went on to swim in the State tournament.

making waves

Catching a breath of air, Mason Alte, senior, quickens his pace during the Red and White intersquad meet. The team opened their season with this traditional meet to prepare for upcoming meets.

goals for post-season play. Their first objective included placing first at the Conference Meet. "We went into the meet thinking we would be able to waltz away with it," co-captain Mike Stennis, senior, said. "We did."

The team glided into the State Tournament by capturing first at Sectionals.
"I was just glad that I was able to swim after my doctors told me to quit for a year because of an injury," co-captain John Burkey, senior, said.

The State Meet brought the final challenge for the eight whoqualified, as well as Coach Jepson when he announced his retirement. Stennis and Burkey achieved individual success by finishing first and second, respectively. While they gained national notice by winning All-American honors, the team placed fifth. "We swam pretty well and had a lot of fun along the way," Mike Howe, junior, said.

Pushing through the water as fast as he could, the swimmer reached out for the wall to complete his race and to achieve his goal of State qualification.





Boys' Swim Team

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With a 12-8 recor girls advance to Sectionals finals

Armed with experience, the Girls' Basketball Team battled their way to a third place in Conference and continued on to compete for the Sectional Championship.

The Lady Mustangs had experience with four returning starters: seniors Lisa Hernandez, Rachelle Pestikas, Kim Schmitz and junior Jaime Muskin. "With our four returning starters, we had the experience needed to be considered a good team," Lisa Hernandez, senior, said

The girls kicked off their pre-season workout which included such strains as running and lifting weights in the fall. "They had a good attitude in the fall," Coach Laurie Hamilton, middle school teacher, said. "We knew we were going to have a strong inside game with Lisa Hernandez and Kim Schmitz on the team.

Back when the season started, the girls wanted to accomplish their goal by finishing third place or higher in Conference. "With State-ranked Lake Central in our conference, it would have been tough to win it all." Christina Kunelis, junior, said

Because the team played during the off season, the girls had an advantage of knowing their teammates actions and characteristics on the court because of their relationship. "We were a lot closer than years before," Becky Moore, senior, said. "We hung around on and off the court."

The girls kicked off their regular season winning their first three games. "We started off with a bang," Rachelle Pestikas, senior, said. "We were very confident at the beginning of the season and positive that our streak would keep on rolling."

They did have some disadvantages with only six girls playing an entire game. "We weren't that deep, so the starters had to play the whole game without a rest," Muskin said.

A loss to East Chicago ended the winning streak. "EC is one of our toughest opponents," Schmitz said. "We went in with a good attitude, but we weren't mad after the game because we knew we lost to a good team and played our best."

The girls captured Conference victories over Highland and Lowell. Muskin hit a three pointer in the closing seconds against Lowell to give the girls a 47-44 victory. "Those games were crucial victories. They helped us get third in Conference," Schmitz said. "Since we came back in the final seconds of those games, it was a real confidence builder.'

After the Lowell game, the team peaked, reaching their goals. "At the Lowell game everybody started hitting their shots, people really played with enthusiasm and went a 100 percent," Amy (continued on pg. 104)

Girls' Varsity Basketball 12-8

4-2 LSC 58-51 Merrillville

48-38 Hammond Clark 46-36 Whiting

39-54 Gary Lew Wallace 76-54 Kankakee Valley

44-41 Lowell

46-64 East Chicago Central

41-54 Crown Point 59-22 Hammond Gavit

39-31 Griffith

44-35 Hanover Central

41-63 Lake Central

54-53 Highland 45-47 Hobart

37-52 Hammond High

54-43 Bishop Noll

54-44 Hammond Morton 58-28 Calumet

Sectionals

45-41 Highland 88-61 Lake Central

Girls' IV Basketball 13-5

36-20 Merrillville

46-20 Hammond Clark 49-5 Whiting

52-12 Gary Lew Wallace

40-21 Lowell

33-34 East Chicago Central

7-28 Crown Point

44-16 Hammond Gavit

41-43 Hanover Central

24-34 Lake Central

25-7 Highland

29-18 Hobart

36-29 Hammond High

34-29 Bishop Noll

45-10 Calumet



Girls' Varsity Basketball Team

(front row) Jackie Nebelsiek, Christina Kunelis, Rachelle Pestikas, Amy Czapla, Jaimie Muskin (second row) Coach Hamilton, Amy Folta, Lisa Hernandez, Kim Schmitz, Becky Moore, Amy Brown



Girls' JV Basketball Team

(front row) Jackie Nebelsiek, Marlene Coyne, Jody Johnson, Sara Blacke, Liz Spangler Amy Czapla (second row) Coach Carmi Thorton, Julie Jacob, Jenn White, Becky Ahlf, Katie Pomroy, Amy Folta, Denise Hough, Jennifer Nellans



stand tall

After grabbing a rebound during prachee, Kim Schmitz, senior, looks for an outline. With the boys playing the same schedule as the the girls, limited court forced the Lady Mustangs to report for practice in the evening.

air born

In attempt to shoot over her opponent Christina Kunelis, junior, sails in the air. As first sub, Kunelis came in to give the starters a rest.





word up

Between the third and fourth quarters, Coach Laurie Hamilton, middle school teacher, gives the girls advice and encouragement during the Griffith game. The Lady Mustangs went on to defeat Griffith 89-81.

STAN

Czapla, junior, said.

They suffered some key injuries during the season, especially to their starting center Kim Schmitz. "We struggled at first," Kunelis said. "Our team tried to give encouragement at practice to help the substitutes fill the gap of Schmitz. Amy Folta (sophomore) did a good job."

After beating Calumet to close the regular season, the Lady Mustangs drew Highland in the first round of the Sectional Tournament. The team defeated Highland 45-41. "We knew Highland would be after us since we beat them by one point earlier in the season," Hernandez said. "We played well as a team; our defense carried us."

The Sectional Championship against Lake Central ended the girls' season when they lost 61-33. "Lake Central was ranked tenth in State,"

Pestikas said. "We were in striking distance throughout the majority of the game, but LC pulled away during the last quarter.

Ending the season with a 12-8 record, the girls journeyed through some highs and lows. "It hurt losing Schmitz to a knee injury and we weren't shooting well as a team. Our percentage went down, but our rebounding and free throws were excellent throughout the year," Coach Hamilton said. "This group worked really well on the court considering all the things we went through."

As the season came to a close, the Lady Mustangs ended their season with a loss to tenth ranked Lake Central. They finished another winning season at 12-8 and accomplished their pre-season goal of third in the last year of the Lake Suburban Conference

Freshman Basketball 5.0

28-17 Hobart

32-20 Griffith

22-25 Hammond Morton

23-38 Crown Point 22-27 Bishop Noll

26-21 Hammond Morton 14-27 Merrillville

16-39 East Chicago Central

17-22 Highland

14-28 Andrean 29-28 Lake Central



Girls' Freshman Basketball Team

(front row) Sheryl Russell, Kristi Neff, Liz Spangler, Karen Blackstone (second row) Coach Jim Davidson, Mary Kaye Rueth Karen Prisby, Becky Ahlf, Laura Anthony, Jenny Speziale

tangled up

looks for an opening to pass. The Mustangs went on to beat Highland 54-53 during the regular season.





banging the boards

Gaining the right position, Becky Moore, senior, powers up against Highland. After beating Highland by one point during the regular season, they went on to defeat them in the Sectional.

shoot for two

To break the tie Jaime Muskin, junior, pulis up for a short jumper. Muskin earned Second Team





fade away

shoots a 10-foot fade away shot. Games like this earned Hernandez the Most Valuable Player Award, the Most Career Rebounds (527) and the Best Career Field Goal Percentage (50.9 percent).

Extra effort helps players reach new heights

Looking at the scoreboard after the season opener, the Boys' Basketball Team had won 64-34. The dedicated hours of off-season shooting and training helped them improve upon the previous year's 2-19 record.

The team carried a 2-1 record going into the first Conference match up against Lowell. After a close game, the Mustangs would fault due to poor foul shooting. "We weren't ready yet mentally to take on that team," Co-captain David Brown, senior, said. "We were still too inexperienced for that team."

The team then rebounded with victories against TF South and Highland. "Beating Highland in overtime was great because it was our first conference victory in two years," Ryan McCormick, senior, said. "It was really great to beat a good team for a change."

In the next conference match up, the team almost pulled an upset against rival Lake Central. They slowed the tempo hoping to take the Indians out of their game plan. With two minutes to go, the Mustangs had the lead, but missed key free-throws, allowing Lake Central to hang on to a four point victory and avoid a shocking loss. "We should have won that game," Jeff Bagull, junior, said. "We were still happy, though, since it proved that we could beat LC if we had faced them in Sectionals."

The regular season picked up midway through the season when the team played Chesterton and Griffith, according to Co-captain Steve Krol, senior. The team proved themselves by beating Chesterton 51-47 and Griffith 78-71. "Beating Chesterton showed we could beat teams people didn't think we could," Krol said. "That gave us confidence going into Griffith."

In the next two games, the Mustangs lost 46-92 to state-ranked Merrillville and then by four to Gavit. Foul-shots acted as the Achilles heel as the team struggled to log a single game in which they shot better than 50 percent from the free throw line. "No one realized the opportunity we had, and we just kept missing free-throws," Harry Kunelis, junior, said.

Perhaps the most encouraging game came after the loss to Gavit when Milosh Pujo, sophomore, made a name for himself as one of the better big men in the area. After scoring 51 points and grabbing 21 rebounds in a weekend during a loss to Crown Point and a victory against Morton, The Times honored him with the Athlete of the week award. "I didn't expect him to prove himself so quickly," Head Coach Dave Knish, special education teacher, said. "Mac (McCormick) and Brown did a good job, but Pujo just took over." (continued on pg. 108)

Boys' Varsity Basketball

64-34 Whiting 47-65 Hammond

67-50 Clark 45-57 Lowell

63-54 TF South 49-47 Highland

32-53 Lake Central

46-47 Highland 45-60 Portage

68-65 Lake Station

42-46 Lake Central 37-55 Calumet

51-47 Chesterton

78-71 Griffith 46-92 Merrilliville

49-53 Gavit

51-53 Crown Point 63-54 Morton

36-61 Bishop Noll 50-54 Hobart

Sectionals 55-38 Morton

66-37 Calumet

Boys' JV Basketball

7-10 55-19 Whiting 32-45 Hammond High

: 39-28 Clark

31-48 Lowell

42-39 TF South

39-41 Highland

28-35 Portage

47-32 Lake Station

42-43 Calumet

35-42 Chesterton 64-23 Griffith

44-57 Merrillville

36-42 Gavit

44-51 Crown Point

51-26 Morton

38-35 Bishop Noll

22-50 Hobart



Boys' Varsity Basketball Team

(front row) Manager Mike Rawlings, Steve Krol, Manager Chet Coffin, Dave Brown, Manager Brian Krieger, lan Baggett, Scoond row (I,V. Coach Lindsey Simmonds, Assistant Ross Haller, Jeff Bagull, Michostz, Poly, Jason Mikolanis, Ryan McCormick, Assistant Creg Scholler, Coach Dave Knish, (back row) Chris Tomeo, Rich Mendoza, Harry Kunelis, Jon Czapla, Chris Maurer, Eric Ollon.



Boys' Junior Varsity Basketball

(front row) Manager Brian Krieger, Jim Pavao, Matt Bochnowski, B.J. Palmer, Tony Bazarko. (back row) Doug Rathert, Assistant JV Greg Schwartz, Keith Thomas, Brian Rucinski, Rodney Bosnich, JV Coach Lindsay Simmons, Jeff Dumakowski.



power play

With determination and strength, #50 Dave Brown, senior, tries to get a shot off while getting hammered. Brown's three years of varsity experience helped him win Academic All-State and Senior Attitude honors.

flying high

Stopping the down-court bomb, #44 Jeff Bagull, junior, jumps in the way of his Lake Station opponent. Bagull's 9.6 points per game helped the Mustangs achieve a 9-11 year.





drop step

Ripping down one of his 12 rebounds against Griffith, #42 Milosh Pujo, sophomore, powers the ball back up. Pujo's 28 points helped beat the Panthers 78-71.

MATTER

The team lost to Bishop Noll and ended the season against Hobart on Senior night. Hobart led the game by as many as 14 points in the first half, but the Mustangs played mistake-free in the third quarter to tie up the game. Unfortunately, they lost on account of missed free-throws by 4 points. "We wanted the win so we could carry some momentum into Sectionals," Rich Mendoza, sophomore, said.

While the varsity team prepared for Sectionals tournament, the JV team finished their season. Through hard practices and intense work on defense, they accomplished a 9-11 record. "We spent almost all of our practice time on defense so we could control teams and get ready for varsity," Brian Rucinski, sophomore, said

When Sectionals finally started, the Mustangs received a treat from fans in making the most noise of any school at Calumet. Morton went down easy in a 55-38 victory for the Mustangs, but some of the credit went to the sixth man in the stands. "The whole school was backing us and showed a lot of spirit," Krol said. "We could not hear a thing on the court."

The next round brought conference foe Calumet to challenge the Mustangs. With the team's quickness and the 3 point shooting of Mike Tolbert, Calumet senior, the Warriors had too much offensive power for the Mustangs to handle. "They just had too much athletic ability for us to match up with," Kunelis said. "We tried to clog the middle but then they started bombing away from 3-point."

That loss brought an end to the overall successful season for the Basketball team. While they fell short of the 10 wins that they hoped to accomplish throughout the season, they did surpass the expectations of most and fulfilled many goals. "Everyone pointed to two or three years down the road for the resurgence of the basketball team," Brown said. "We helped bring Munster basketball back and the taste of winning was sweet."

leading the way

While talking to the team during a time-out, Coach Dave Knish, Special Education teacher,

driving hands

Coming downcourt after his steal that led to a breakaway lay-up, #24 Steve Krol, senior, gets the team with 50 steals and received Academic

Boys' Frosh A Basketball

14-3

50-33 Calumet 48-22 Whiting

48-20 27-52 Highland

Bishop Noll 52-39 Morton 34-29

Hohari 40-26 Gavit

41-36 Portage

53-44 Clark

37-43 Andrean 35-34 Lake Central

38-26 Lowell

60-46 Hammond High 50-53 Crown Point

42-41 East Chicago Central Highland Tournament 22-32 Highland

45-42 Lake Central Boys' Frosh B Basketball

56-38 Griffith

51-39 Highland

56-43 Bishop Noll

43-44 Morton 40-19 Hobart

26-38 Portage

45-43 Andrean 31-26 TF South

31-50 Lake Central

40-33 Lowell

38-30 Hammond High

51-56 Crown Point

36-54 East Chicago Central



Boys' Freshmen Basketball Team

(front row) Kevin Adley, John Rybicki, Chris Garcia, Mike Fleck, Rob Szypczak, David Rueth. (second row) Assistant Coach Tom Kuhn, David Pesich, Tony Tabion, Dan Zabrecky, D.J. Steinberg Scott Zimmerman, Coach Jack Yerkes. (back row) Joe Mendoza Andy Miller, Brad Dechantal, David Alonzo, Chris Bielfeldt.











on the line

After getting fouled while driving to the basket, #14 Eric Olton, senior, shoots the front end of a one and one in the first round of Sectionals. The team beat Morton 55-38 in order to play Calumet in the second round.

air time

As Griffith defenders scramble to the ball, #32 Chris Maurer, senior, elevates to get the shot off. Role players helped the team by filling in for starters, giving them a rest.

By pinning their way through the season, wrestlers gain ground

With two state ranked seniors and six juniors, the Wrestling Team relied on experience to build a strong team.

The team set high goals at the beginning of their season, according to CJ Compton, junior. "We hoped to win Conference, take back our Sectional crown and place high at the Regional tournament," he said.

An inspirational win early in the season paved the way for the team's 16-6 season. "Beating a tough Crown Point team gave our kids confidence for the rest of the season," Coach Charles Emlund said. "It was only the second time in ten years that we beat them."

The team rolled through the regular season for post season competition. "The team knew that consistent wrestling would make or break us at Conference and Sectionals," Jeremiah Mulholland, freshman, said. "I thought, overall, we wrestled up to our potential and were pleased with our third place finish at Conference."

At the Sectional meet, junior Ryan Boilek (112), senior co-captains Chris Diederich (130) and Jeff Sheets (171) and junior Mark Gralewski (189) won championship titles in their weight classes. "Winning a Sectional title let us

holding on

In attempt to pin his opponent, Chris Diederich, senior, uses an ankle pick move. With a record of 27-9, Diederich qualified for Semi-state, but lost in the first round 3-2

know that all the hours of dedication put in at those strenuous practices paid off," Diederich said.

After Sectionals, eight advanced to Regionals to compete against 16 teams. However, only two of eight wrestlers made it to Semi-state. "We were disappointed that more of us didn't make it to semi-state," Mark Myers, junior, said. "A tough draw helped keep some of us home instead of wrestling the next week."

Qualifying for the State tournament, Sheets and Diederich moved two matches closer to their pre-season goal. Diederich fell short of his goal when Portage's Byron Chandler beat him 3-2 in the first round. "I was disappointed not to make it to State," Diederich said. "It's always unfortunate to end something you love on a losing note."

After 27 pins and a 34-3 record, Sheets' season ended with a loss to Merrillville's Michael Pace. Sheets won his first match at Semi-state, but lost 7-0 in his second. "I knew Pace would be tough to beat," Sheets said. "He was stronger and I knew I would need a near perfect match to beat him."

Individual abilities and senior leadership aided the wrestling team to get a hold on another winning season.

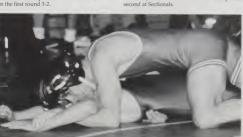
ior, looks to his coaches for advice on his next move. Myers had a record of 22-11 and placed second at Sectionals

stare down

Seeking some helpful words, Mark Meyers, jun-









16-6 3-0 Munster Triple Dual Meet 34-19 Crown Point 3-1 Highland Quad 40-25 Lowell 7th Calumet Invite 21-30 Calumet 3-2 Lowell Invite 30-24 Highland 4-0 Munster Dual Meet 27-30 Lake Central 3rd Conference 2nd Sectionals 8rd Regionals





stand still

With a deep stare, CJ Compton, junior, battles for the right positioning to take down Lake Central's Brian Vest. Compton defeated Vest 3-2 during the regular season, but lost the Conference (4-3) and Sectional (4-3) matches to him.

on top of things

After winning the flip, Jeff Sheets, senior, chooses the top position in order to ride out his opponent for the remainder of the match. Sheets finished the season with a 343 record and qualified for his third straight Semi-state tournament.



Wrestling Team

(front row) George Voukdis, Rob Kopenic, Tim Wiatrowski, John Szypcack, Sescond row) Jeremiah Mulholland, Mike Stroupe, Edgar Moore, Mark Sampias, Steve Narm, John Ramirez, (third row) Coach Kent Lews, Ryan Boilek, Steve Jimmer-ana, Jeff Sheets, Chris Diederich, Mark Meyers, Rob Long, Coach Charles Entlund. (duck row) Jeremie Brackett, Mark Gralewski, CJ Compton, Matt Knoepke, Chris Marsh.

well put

Gripping the shot put, Megan Woodrick, sophomore, takes her last practice before the main throw at the Mustang Invitational. Woodrick reached Regionals after taking first in the discus throw at Sectionals.

lift off

While launching herself over the high jump. Denise Hough, sophomore, attempts to clear the height. Athletes not only competed with their opponents, but also strove to beat their personal challenges as well.





go the extra mile Gasping for a breath of fresh air while running the 3200 meter, Dana Wierzbinski, junior, sprints the Jast turn to the finish line. Long distance runners' workouts consisted of running 2-3 miles each practice, whether rain or shine.



First place at Mustang Invite provides extra

Girls' Varsity Track

57-63 East Chicago Central 59-61 Hammond Morton 16-47.5 Crown Point

-84.5 Lake Central 47-22 Calumet -79 Highland 52-66 Lowell 5th Highland Invite 1st Mustang Invite

3rd Calumet Invite 5th Conference

7th Frosh/Soph Conference 5th Sectionals

Hoping to sprint their season to a success, the Girls' Track Team hurdled over high and low points with the help of five returning seniors and a strong group of underclassmen.

As the season began, so did the messy weather conditions. Strong winds, rain and cold temperatures hindered performance. "Wind made our times drop because it was hard to run against them," Sara Blacke, sophomore, said, "Practices were cancelled due to the rain and people got sick after running in cold weather.

Competing against Andrean, EC Central, Griffith, Hammond Clark and Hammond Gavit, the team won by an 80 point margin. "Our dual meet record wasn't real impressive, but we had something to be proud of at the invite," co-captain Amy Brown, senior, said. "Everyone ran their best."

For motivation, coaches and girls both chose a time to beat at each meet. When they achieved their goals, the girls received ribbons and trophies. 'Our goal was to send as many members as we could to Regionals," Kim Schimtz, senior, said. "Only three girls went, but that was pretty good when competing against 11 teams."

At the May 18 Calumet Sectional meet, co-captain Melissa Vrabel, senior, placed fourth in the 100 meter dash, Corrie Watterson, junior, placed third in the 3200 meter, and Megan Woodrick, sophomore, took third in the discus throw. By capturing first place, the girls advanced to Regionals. "I was so shocked to hear that I had made it to Regionals this year because the competition from other schools had gotten a whole lot better and I didn't think I would make it," Vrabel said.

Crossing over the finish line for the last time, the Girls' Track Team ended their season with a 1-6 record.

words of wisdom

the fall, girls easily adapted to the long distance



Marika Voukidis, Jenny Stopper, Christina Lee Michaela Dupkanic, Olivia Topete, Kay Watson. (second row) Melissa Vrabel, Sara Blacke, Michelle Crepeau, Lora Segeleon, Kristiana Neff, Lauren Pelc, Katie Stassen, Nicole Gonzales, Erin DeLuna, Jeanne Horak. (third row) Coach Rita Camire, Kitty Barrow, Jenny Pleitner, Julie Jacob, Kim Smith, Julie Fekete, Marlene Coyne, Coach Vicky Brown, Coach Dirk Sloan. (fourth row) Sheryl Russell, Meghan Woodrick, Katie Pomroy, Kim Schmitz, Carrie Kinnis, Jessica Joens, Kristine Loprich, Corrie Watterson, Lisa Krieger. (back row) Jen Szypczak, Jessica McHie, Dara Kraay, Stephanie Rudd, Amy Cornelison, Denise Hough, Laura Andershak, Sara Joens.



kicking back

While watching the 700 meter dash, John Leslie, freshman, stretches for the 330 meter low hurdles. Warm-ups included a mile warm up run and various stretches that helped the team prevent injuries.





leading the pack

As the cold weather hampers other runners, lan Baggett, sonior, pushes himself during the 1600 meter run. Baggett's 4:37 earned him third place as the Mustangs won their first meet against Clark 62-60. Baggett also ran the 1600 meter relay team with seniors Jeremy Keenan, Jim Brennan and Brad Brauer, who advanced to Regionals.

off without a hitch

Leaping into the sand, Dan Tabion, junior, uses the hitch kick to extend his jump. Tabion's distance of 19'7" earned him a third place and helped the team win the Mustang Invitational.



Brauer qualifies for State causing hopes to

Boys' Varsity Track 5-5

Indoor

4th Frosh/Soph meet 41-5 Hammond Clark 54.5-42.5 Hammond Gavit 4th Conference

- 62-60 Hammond Clark
- -62 Hanover Central
- 41-61 Crown Point -57 Lake Central
- 49-32 Calumet
- -69 Highland
- 2nd Andrean Relays
- 3rd Calumet Invite
- 4th Conference
- 5th Frosh/Soph Conference 7th Sectionals

Working to improve their strength, speed and endurance, the Boys' Track Team practiced to achieved their first place title at the Mustang Invitational which prepared them for Sectionals.

Opening the season with a two point victory over Clark, the Mustangs started galloping their way to victory. Early successes led to high aspirations as the boys set their minds towards Regional competition. "I could tell we would be one of the best teams so we were looking forward with great expectations," Coach Ed Woodrick, elementary school teacher, said. "The only thing lacking was depth."

A pivotal point in the season came during the Mustang Invitational. With a three point difference between the Mustangs and Hanover Central, they rallied on the 400-meter relay (seniors Brad Brauer, Ian Baggett, Iim Brennan and Jeremy Keenan). As Brauer took the baton in the last leg, the crowd cheered and he extended his stride to catch the only person within 50 yards,

head over heels

Throwing himself over the bar, Brad Brauer, senior, clears 6'6" in a dual meet with Crown Point and Lake Central. Brauer broke the school high jump record by clearing 6'8" against Lowell. He later qualified for State by clearing 6'6" at the whom he tried to lap. Such success not only resulted in victories, but also led to a comradery between the team members. "We had a lot of unity on the team and formed a close-knit family toward the end of the year," Mark Gralewski, junior, said. "I think it led to most of our achievements this year."

As the team completed their regular season, preparations began for postseason tournaments. They entered the Conference meet confident in their ability to win it, but many of the people expected to place high had overtrained and suffered from tired legs, according to Joey Furdek, sophomore. "We just didn't perform up to our own expectations. And we thought we could win," he said.

After a brief rest before Sectionals, four individuals and one relay qualified for Regional competition. "Sectionals was more of an individual competition than a team effort," cocaptain Baggett said. "We were just trying to qualify as many as we could for Regionals."

Whether setting school records or sweeping multi-team meets, the Boys' Track Team proved their strength, speed and endurance during their winning season.





Boys' Track Team

Coach Ed Woodrick, Omar Porras, Vikas Shah, Kevin omeo, Brian Krieger, Dave Pesich, Tony Tabion, Matt Knoepke, Dan Tabion. (second row) Coach Doug Concialdi, Mark Gralewski, Chris Witowich, Joey Furdek, Ron Magliola, Mike Jez, Cosmin Dobrescu, Don Carter, Dave Orman, Ryan Korthauer, Coach Aaron Brown. (third row) Andy Derren, Brad Brauer, Ian Baggett, Jeremy Keenan, Jim Brennan, Matt Krol, John Reidelbach, John Burkey, Eugene Paik. (back Mike Cassity, Vivek Agrawal, John Leslie, Sea Chen, Pat Schneider, Tim Glennon, Meisam Moghbelli, Kaushal Shah, Davin

toss up

With the ball aimed at the serving box, Amy Bohling, sophomore, prepares to ace her oppo-nent. Bohling stood as one of three first year Varsity players to help the team win Regionals.

net play

Attempting to place her drop shot close to the net, Julie Byrne, senior, focuses on the ball. The Mustangs beat Lake Central 5-0 to capture first place in the Lake Suburban Conference







tricky foot work

Warming up before a home match, Shoshana Gordon, junior, chases down the ball to hit a cross court shot. Gordon played number two doubles and earned the Pride. Hustle and Desire Award.



classic concentration

As she prepares for a backhand, Amanda Fisher, senior, looks to return the ball down one of the alleys. Fisher played number one doubles and ended the season with 20 wins.



With 21-1 record, Girls' Tennis provides a

Girls' Tennis 5-0 Chesterton 3-2 Valparaiso 5-0 Lake Central

5-0 Merrillville 5-0 Hammond High Mustang Invite

5-0 Bishop Noll 4-1 West Lafayette Sectionals 5-0 Hammond High

5-0 Bishop Noll Regionals 5-0 Highland Semi-state 2-3 St. Joseph's

Breezing through their regular season, the Girls' Tennis Team accomplished an undefeated season.

Before the team played their first match, they knew that their strengths out-numbered their weaknesses. They had 12 players who qualified to participate at the varsity level. "The key to the whole season was our depth," Coach Dave Knish, special education teacher, said. "We were deep and had no weaknesses in our top five positions."

The girls set their goals at the beginning of the season and worked hard to try to accomplish them. "Our goal at the beginning of the season was to reach to Semi-state," co-captain Amanda Fisher, senior, said. "Once we realized our full potential, our new goal was to compete at a state level."

If the team needed a victorious match they got it when they played the Merrillville Pirates. After moving up to 12 in the IHSAA state poll, the team

getting down

Fighting off her opponent during the Valparaiso match, Jackie Costanza, freshman, strokes a forehand down the line for a winner. With the help of Costanza's victories, the Lady Mustangs blasted through the regular season with a 18-0 record.

needed to make sure that they did not get over-confident. "We were all psyched up to play Merrillville because we lost to them two years ago at Regionals," Shoshana Gordon, junior, said. "Revenge was on our mind and we did not want to ruin our season because of them again."

Staying mentally tough throughout the season posed some problems for the team from time to time. "Sometimes it was difficult to get mentally prepared before a match; however, our undefeated record became a major motivating factor for us," co-captain Julie Byrne, senior, said.

For the 17 consecutive year, the girls defended their Sectional title by blanking Hammond High to open play and by beating Bishop Noll 5-0 for the championship. "The girls and I didn't get too excited over the victories," Annie Rawlings, junior, said. "We were favored to win it and we held up our end of the deal."

Despite their efforts, the Girls' Tennis Team failed to qualify for State. Their 3-2 loss to South Bend at Semistate ended their hopes of an undefeated year.





Rawlings, Jackie Costanza, Julie Byrne, Amanda Fisher. (second row) Dave Kinish, Holly Baron, Jenny Doherty, Minna Koh, Carrie Hanas, Barbara Brennan, Monica Rastogi (third row) Michelle Clark, Sunah Kim, Jamie Schatz, Lynn Hirsch, Megan Bacino, Sarika Rastogi, Michelle Torreano. (back row) Judy Sun, Allison Duesing, Dana Lazar, Kelly Nixon, Sara Swanson, Shivroup Grewal, Heather Moser, Kristin Johnson,

pep talk

Congratulating the team on a successful play, Coach Jerry Cabrera, encourages the Bootmen during the Lake Central game. The Bootmen continued to tie the Indians 2-2.





caught in the middle

In order to protect the ball from Lake Central defenders, Grady Willis, junior, enters scoring territory. Willis experienced injuries early in the season, but made a successful comeback.

fancy footwork

To keep the ball clear from his opponents' scoring position, Brad Caddick, junior, dribbles the ball down the field. Caddick started two consecutive years on the Varsity team.





Bootmen top off season with a little

Boys' Varsity Soccer 5-6-3

- 0-3 South Bend Adams
- 2-2 Lake Central
- 5-3 Chesterton
- 0-3 Lake Central
- 1-0 Bishop Noll
- 4-3 Griffith
- 2-4 Portage
- 3-3 Highland
- 9-1 Gary Wirt

IV Soccer 5-7-1

- 1-3 South Bend Adams
- 8-0 Hammond High
- 1-4 Lake Central
- 1-3 Crown Point
- 3-3 Chesterton
- 3-0 Highland
- 1-2 Lake Central
- 2-0 Bishop Noll 1-3 Crown Point
- 1-2 Portage
- 1-0 Highland

With determination and a collection of younger men, the Bootmen headed into the season full force.

Pre-season play ranked highly among returning players. "Being Conference champs last year, we expected to do very well," Brad Caddick, junior said. "We lost a lot of seniors, and didn't do as well as we'd hoped."

Having a young team provided more years to develop strategy plus it alleviated the problem of filling in gaps left by graduating teammates. "We only had two seniors on the team," Brendan Ellis, sophomore, said. "So most of the starting Varsity line-up consisted of junior guys."

The season opener against Lake Central provided highlights of a key

shot in the goal

Running the ball down the field, Harry Kunelis, junior, struggles to score a goal against his season scoring high.

game. "It was early and we had not practiced very much," Todd Weaver, senior, said. "Even though we tied, the game went into overtime and we fought hard all the way."

According to Grady Willis, junior, the overall feeling of the regular season included a mediocre atmosphere. "The season was not as good as we had hoped it would be," he said. "Despite our losses, we were happy as a team."

Failing to live up to their reigning title of Lake Suburban Conference Champions, the Bootmen lost the first round match against Highland in overtime. "After beating Highland during the regular season and then a tie, we were disappointed that we lost to them in the tournament," Aaron Preslin, sophomore, said.

Although the Bootmen lost their title as Conference Champions, they finished the season with a Varsity record of 5-6-3 and a IV record of 5-7-1.





Boys' Soccer

(front row) Jim Basil, Tim Wiatrowski, Evan Greenbaum, Aaron Preslin, Christos Kounelis, Jim Whiteley, Chris Jagadich. (second row) Patty Hemingway, Mark Hinshaw, Slobodan Popovich, Ravi Patil, Todd Weaver, Pete Ronco, Deepak Patil, Linda Regeski (third row) Coach John Fekete, Tom Keslin, Mike Fekete, Brad Caddick, Grady Willis, Mike Pierre, Bob Hurley, Tim Piniak, Coach Jerry Cabrera. (back row) Dave Rueth, DJ Steinberg, Todd Stalmack, Brendan Ellis, Harry Kunelis, Keith Thomas

on the ball

Returning a ball hit in-field, Shannon Hamel, sophomore, helps strike out an opponent. With the idea of victory in sight, teammates pulled together in an attempt to win games.

hey batter, swing

Focusing her energy and thoughts on her upcoming hit, Chrisi Mead, junior, hopes to push the team into the lead. Team spirit and morale helped keep heads high during challenging moments.





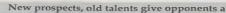
just a moment

While waiting for a ball to come her way, Becky Moore, senior, watches the game from the outfield. Even during the less active moments, members stood waiting and ready to jump in when needed.









Girls' Varsity Softball 14-5

10-7 Hammond High 0-3 Lake Central 3-0 Whiting 19-0 Calumet 0-10 Lake Central 2-0 Highland 1-0 Crown Point 3-1 Merrillville 25-0 Calumet 6-4 Morton

Girls' JV Softball

7-11 Lake Central 6-9 Bishop Noll 3-5 Morton 4-8 Crown Point 11-1 Highland 4-10 Merrillville 3-5 Lake Central

12-8 TF South

Motivated by team unity, a third place area ranking and the promise of Dairy Queen, the Girls' Softball Team opened their season with three consecutive victories, hoping to advance farther than ever before.

A close knit feeling led to the success of team. "The team had unity and spirit which drove us to win,"co-captain Gina Spalding, senior, said. "We all got along, having fun regardless of talent. With our talent, there was no reason we shouldn't have gone far."

Going far in practice helped train the players for their season. Every player had to run a mile under eight minutes, do 12 push-ups and finish 50 sit-ups. Along with this training and regular hitting and throwing, sprints added to physical skill. "We added the sprints to get quickness on the bases," Coach Barbara Johnson, mathematics teacher, said. "That paid off in more stolen bases than ever before. We were much

dust in the wind

Winding up for a pitch, Jamie Muskin, junior, attempts to strike out her opponent during the fifth inning. Muskin's talent and effort gained her the Most Valuable award

more aggressive and Jaime (Muskin, junior) managed to steal home a

After being defeated by Lake Central twice, the team lost another two games to Griffith and Lowell. "We beat ourselves," co-captain Becky Moore, senior, said. "It was cold and Mrs. Johnson was out of town. We just didn't execute and we fell behind."

Despite these losses, the 14-5 team grabbed a third place ranking in the Region, trailing only Lake Central and Bishop Noll. "Being ranked motivated us to succeed," Jaime Muskin, junior, said. "It gave us a will and with our wide range of talent, every player could play more than one position and that helped to make us well-rounded."

Players credited their closeness to the dedication of their coach. "She contributed a lot to team morale,"Chrisi Mead, junior, said. "She'd take us out to Dairy Queen after wins, so we'd spend time together off the field."

Earning their reward of Dairy Queen, the Girls' Softball Team concluded their season on a high note, driven by unity and high morale.



Girls' Varsity Softball Team

(front row) Chrisi Mead, Melissa Walsh, Liz Spangler. (second row. Jaime Muskin, Becky Moore, Amy Muskin, Gina Spalding. (back row) Shannon Hamel, Therese Keslin, Jen White, Amy Czapla, Jackie Nebelsiek

catcher in the rye

In order to keep up with the game, Jackie Nebelsiek, sophomore, returns the strike. Though no one broke any records, the team ended the season on a high note with individual contribution and efforts.



Girls' JV Softball Team

(front row) Julie Blackstone, Jill Waxman, Jen Kenar, Niki Alters. (second row) Jenny Speziale, Colette Keslin, Sarah Stennis, Tina Mancari, Barbara Vaught. (back row) Jill Heaney, Sharon Spicer, Jenn White, Karen Blackstone, Lauren Hensley, Coach Jodi



full swing ahead

Cutting the first pitch, co-captain Sean Hayes, senior, smacks a fly ball to deep left field. Receiving the Golden Bat and First Team All-Conference honors, Hayes led the Mustangs to a 17-12 season.





Varsity Baseball Team

(front row) Chris Fortin, Ryan Stojkovich, BJ Palmer, Troy Smith. (second row) Sean Hayes, Kent Boomsma, Erik Fleischman, Doug Miller, Bob Gonzales. (backrow) CJ Compton, Tim Fesko, Steve Holka, Bob Bogucki, Ryan Kutansky, Jeff O'Connor, Bob Shinkan.



JV Baseball Team

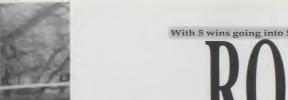
(front row) Matt Kolwinski, Greg Maurer, Jeff Dumakowski, Josh Dorka, Jeff Alters. (back row) Tom Anzur, Rich Mendoza, Jason Mchilanas, Milosh Pujo, Bo Ryband, Chris Dorka, Tony Largus.



Freshmen Baseball Team

(front row) Ryan Kouris, Mike Stroup, Chris Biefeldt, Joe Mendoza, Jerimiah Muholland. (second row) Rob Szypczak, Chis Garcia, Kevin Johnson, Gary Almaze, Travis McMahn, Joe Mitchener. (back row) Steve Tripenfeldas, Dan Zabrecky, John Rybicki, Kevin Adley, Jim Davidson.





With 5 wins going into Sectionals, team on a

Varsity Baseball

12-2 Hammond Morton 0-7 Hammond Gavit

1-4 Portage 6-1 Mighigan City Rogers

8-0 9-5 Hobart

15-0 River Forest 9-8 Lake Central 6-4 Griffith

5-6 EC Central

7-3 Calumet 8-9 Lake Central

5-2 Garv West Side

0-2 Lowell 0-3 Highland

8-15 Crown Point 5-0 Calumet Mustang Classic 12-2 Hammond High

11-1 Clark 8-0 Chesterton 0-3 Merrillville

Sectionals 8-4 Highland

With two on and two out, the batter anticipates a fast ball. In the bottom of the seventh inning, the score remains a dead tie. The pitcher checks the runners and the throw to the plate heads for the catcher's mitt.

Battling the problems of only three returning starters and only one new varsity player, the Boys' Baseball Team worked towards surpassing various setbacks as they tried to produce a winning season. "Hard work and dedication helped us all come together as a team this year," Ryan Kutansky, junior, said. "We developed a strong team unity that hasn't been seen in the past few years."

Starting out in mid-February with indoor practices, the team set its sights on winning Sectionals. "We were excited with our Sectional pairing be-

stop, drop and roll

During infield practice, third baseman Bob Gonzales, junior, cleanly fields the ball and then concentrates on his throw to first. Along with playing third base, Gonzales also focused his efforts on second base

cause we had already played every team in the Sectional," co-captain Sean Hayes, senior, said.

Preparation for a long and tedious season got underway when sleepy eyed Varsity baseball players headed to indoor practice at 6:30 a.m. "It weeded out the people who were willing to work hard from those who weren't," Bob Gonzales, junior, said. "It helped distinguish the men from the boys."

Warm weather and clear skies helped the first half of the season run more smoothly. "We never had to reschedule any of our games," Hayes said. "The warm weather kept our strength and spirit up."

As the season progressed, team members discovered the difficulties of putting together (continued on pg. 123)

taking a breather

As the inning comes to a close, Chris Compton, junior, rests while concentrating on the team's victory. Compton received the Coach's Positive Attitude Award and dedicated his efforts to excel at third base and as a relief catcher.



armed and dangerous

Completing his windup, Erik Fleischman, senior, prepares to deliver a fast ball across the plate. Fleischman led the Mustangs in Sectional pitching and recieved the Golden Arm Award.

going, going, gone

In anticipation of his second homerun for the game, co-captain Kent Boomsma, senior, watches the ball leave the park. Boomsma's efforts at second base and the plate earned him the Most Valuable Player Award.



catch of the day

While making a running grab at a low hit ball, outfielder Chris Fortin, junior, scoops it up and sends his throw barreling to the plate. Fortin's ability to cover all positions helped the Mustangs maintain a standard of seasonal winning.





JV Baseball 12-11-1 11-1 Hammond Clark

5-5 Hammond Gavit 1-7 Gary West Side 7-4

10-5 Lake Central 9-5 Bishop Noll 3.4 Lowell

3-4 Highland 4-6 Crown Point 10-3 Calumet

2-5 Valparaiso

9-4 Lowell 16-6 East Chicago

0-5 Calumet JV Tourney 9-8 Lake Central 4-5 Griffith

Freshmen Baseball 5-12 Andrean

Merrillville 5-14 8-11 Hammond High 11-14 0-4 Highland

8-4

6-4 Crown Point 10-0 EC Central

Lake Central

Bishop Noll Freshmen Tournament 6-8 Lake Central

a winning line-up. "Our weak point was our lack of concentration needed to complete a game," Erik Fleischman, senior, said. "I think we needed to relax in order to achieve our potential."

Rollercoaster-like loops and drops awaited a team filled with optimism and hopes of victory. "It had been a season of ups and downs," Tim Fesko, junior, said. "One week everything went right and we were 5-0, then the next week everything went wrong."

Senior leadership and momentum helped to boost underclassmen's spirit as the season progressed at a steady .500 record. "When Kent Boomsma,

sending it home

While looking for the cut-off man, Jeff O'Connor, sophomore, reacts to a fly ball. With his consistent fielding, O'Connor earned Second Team All-



senior, hit a big homer against Hobart, we all went wild," Fesko said, "The ball flew across the street and broke a picture window."

Early preparation helped the team's confidence as they looked towards Sectional play. "We played the best ball that we had played all year," co-captain Ryan Stojkovich, senior, said. "We were confident that we could beat any team that we came against."

The batter swings, smashing the ball past the mound and into center field for a base hit. Although they had faced difficulties, the Mustangs wrapped up yet another winning season.

bright eyed

With a flick of the wrist, co-captain Ryan Stojkovich, senior, throws the ball to the shortstop. Along with earning First Team All-Conference, Stojkovich gained the Pride, Hustle and



With six additions, underclassmen keep golfers in

CONTROL

With the addition of three freshmen, the Boys' Golf Team started their season anew. However, even with their strong foundation, the boys still failed to shoot up to par.

Preparing for the upcoming season, the Mustangs practiced four times a week to improve their skills. "Although practice took up a great deal of our time, it was nice to go out to Briar Ridge and it definitely contributed to our successful season," Wes Gribas, freshman, said.

With a team full of depth, the Golf Team started off the season by defeating their first three opponents. "Depth was our strength," captain Matt Wittkamp, senior, said. "Even though the guys had little varsity experience, they stepped up and played very well against the good teams like Highland."

A new member of the Varsity Team, Chad Bohling, junior, stepped up a level against Portage and shot a 41. "I was very fortunate to shoot 41, and I was happy our team beat Portage,"

top flight

To make the perfect shot, Wes Gribas, freshman, lines up his driver on the hole 11. Gribas started as the number two player on the team.

Bohling, said. "That win helped us to achieve our goal of being over .500 for the season."

At the Briar Ridge course, the boys beat two of the best teams in the conference. "Highland and Lowell were our biggest victories," Wittkamp, said. "We didn't beat them last year, plus it is nice to beat two of the best teams in the conference all in one day."

The team had a varying line-up from match to match, with five players golfing each course and the four top scores counting. "Everybody competed for a spot. It was very competitive, so it was hard to become friends with the people you were playing against," John Bogucki, senior, said.

Spirits fell at the Lou Taconetti Invitational held at the Lake Hills Golf Course. Placing 14 out of 18 teams, the Mustangs shot 393. "We were disappointed with our scores, but it was a tough course for a high school tournament," Coach Ed Musselman, mathematics teacher, said.

Looking back, the Boys' Golf Team improved their skills and performance. Although they faced a difficult season, their spirits remained high.

Boys' Golf

178-271 Hammond High 180-167 Crown Point

-265 Calumet 169-169 Andrean

170-165 Highland

-180 Griffit

-225 Calumet 201-181 Crown Point

-188 Lake Central 194-174 Chesterton

-206 Gavit 179-181 Highland

-191 Lowell

356 Laporte Invite 177-189 Portage

162-156 Lake Central -174 Lowell

177-190 Bishop Noll





Golf Team

(front row) Ron Ziol, Barry Smith, Dan Byrne, Dominic Marco, second row) Jason Ugent, Michael Pellicicotti, Eric Ribble, Groris Marsh, Jarrod Simonetto. (third row) Wes Gribas, Chad Bohling, Jeff DeVrise, Tony Bazarko, Brian Huseman, Coach Ed Musselman. (back row) Mark Grabski, Aaron Dumaresq, Brian Rucinski, Mat Wittkamp, John Bogucki, Mike Zubav.



swinging through

Focusing on the ball, Brian Rucinski, sophomore, tees-off on the third hole at Briar Rudge while competing against Portage. The Mustangs went on to beat the Indians 177-189.

teeing off

On the first hole, Danny Byrne, sophomore, attempts to hit the ball into the center of the fairway. With a par four hole, the tee-offs must land on the fairway, so the second shot can land on the green.





take off

With an eye on the ball, captain Matt Wittkamp, senior, blasts the ball out of the sand trap and onto the green at Briar Ridge. Wittkamp shot the season low 38 for 9 holes.

CULUBC

Red and white swamp the stands at athletic events

Carrying bold red signs and handfuls of confetti, spirited fans hit the stands to show teams their support.

Whether shaving their heads or chanting with the cheerleaders, enthusiasts went to extremes to get noticed while encouraging teams. "I was a sophomore and thought it would be cool to paint my hair and face all red for basketball Sectionals," Jamie Ward, senior, said. "I wound up hiding in my friend's car during the fourth quarter to avoid angry LC fans."

Boisterous fans shouted opinions and crossed fingers as they hoped that the team could pull off the victory. "When Iwent to a game it was no fun to just sit and watch the game." Chad Bohling, junior, said. "Yelling at referees and screaming at opposing players was where the fun was at."

During a close match, athletes depended on cheers to help overcome

spirit raisers

Cheering on the football team, Steve Krol and Jamie Ward seniors, wave their Bust "Da" Bone sign during the Griffith game as the Mustangs took on the state-ranked Panthers. Whether painting faces, dying hair or waving banners, fans went to extremes to give their support.

nervousness. "Hearing fans cheer boosted my confidence and helped me strive to lead my team to victory," Amy Bohling, sophomore, said.

Although all games didn't end victoriously, faithful fans still expressed encouragemet. "After the basketball team won, Dave [Brown, senior] would accept all the compliments in the world, but when they lost, I just tried to say a few words to him before he went to bed, so he'd wake up in a better mood," Becky Brown, freshman, said.

After the team pulled off a win, exuberant fans cheered with enthusiasm. "Sometimes we had pizza parties at Papa John's or Gyros to celebrate," Jessica McHie, senior, said.

After the final buzzer sounded and the stands emptied, fans lingered around to congratulate the athletes as they emerged from the locker room, continuing their support to the end.

taking orders

Working the concession stand during a basketball game, Jody Johnson, sophomore, sells refreshments while basketball coaches, Miss Carmi Thornton and Miss Laurie Hamilton take a break. As athletic teams rotated working the concession stand, members took their respective shifts.









fire 'em up

Showing his spirit at the basketball Sectional tournament, Steve Holka, junior, chants along with the crowd. The flowing sea of red and white helped electrify the team's spirits.

bombs away

With loads of toilet paper tossed on the field, the Senior Class displays their support. It took Student Government nearly 45 minutes to clear the paper-rain in preparation for the night's game.





During the second round of basketball Sectionals, John Reidelbach, senior, watches intently as the teams battle it out. Even though the team trailed throughout the game, loyal fans stuck around to watch to the final buzzer.



SIGN OF THE TIMES///

"WHAT DO YOU MEAN WE ONLY

have 26 minutes to plan fundraisers for our year-end banquet? Okay—you're sure we can still finish this up after school? Good. You're trying to tell me that we need passes to get our pictures taken. No...wait, I can't make it after school because I'm already committed to another meeting...sorry, maybe next week."

IN AN ATTEMPT TO

promote better communication between members, clubs took advantage of the 26minute Advisory period on Tuesdays to host meetings and discuss organizational plans.

AFTER SEVEN HOURS OF

shooting photographs of everyone from Marching Band to the Poms squad in the Fieldhouse on Nov. 24, over 1,204 students passed their sponsor's slips over for the *Paragon* Club Group Shot Day.

WITH THE ADDITION OF

three new clubs, Tap, STAND and MTO, students had 42 special interest, foreign language and honorary organizations to choose from.

WHETHER SEPARATING PEPPERMINT Patties from Blow-pops or trudging off the bus from a museum visit in Chicago, club sponsors and student

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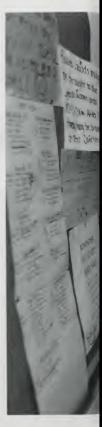
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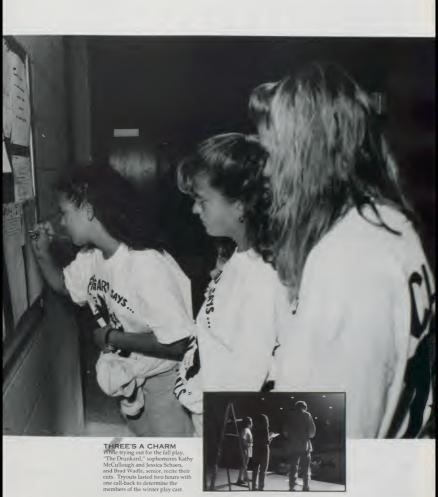
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PENCIL ME IN from effort to get in some

extra practice time, Amy Boyle, Amy Bohling and Holly McCormick. sophomores. sign up to meet with a coach after school. With 110 members of the Speech and Debate Team and only 8 coaches, students obtained constructive criticism by signing up for

30 minute time





in some spare minutes around their busy schedules makes room for organizations, putting them Ahead Of Time.

Members not interested in competition or spirit took one route, while others chose a road filled with leadership

TIME

I think we can do

a few good

school.

iunior

things for this

Tim Bognar,

and the government of the school, joining organizations suited for all of

the class actions. Students in Class Executive Council (CEC) and Student Government joined, hoping to

gain a better understanding of the changes in the school. "Last year, I wasn't really aware of what was being done for the people in this school," CEC member Christine Puchalski, sophomore, said. New leaders felt an

obligation to follow in the footsteps of those in front of them, hoping to do just as well. "Milan and I were really excited about winning. We had a lot of things we thought could change," Student Government member and newly elected Student Body President Tim Bognar, junior, said. "I think we could do a few good things for this school."

Whether by one individual or an entire organization, peers and faculty turned to leaders when new ideas arose, hoping to resolve matters and add a fresh face to the student body.

FLUFF IT UP

Fluffing black tissue paper to add to the body of the float, Student Government member Megan Woodrick, sophomore, helps finish the creation Figaro. One of the roles Student Government took on entailed deciding Homecoming's theme, "When You Wish Upon A Star"





AFTERHOURS



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AQUARIUM: (tront rote) Angie Miranda Zambo. (second row) Alan Shutko, Jim Zawada, Doug M



ART. (front row) Mike Rosenstein, Stephanie Blacke, Shirley Goldyn, Sarah Derrico, Roque Cabagnot, Emilie Frazier, Cara Hilt, Gar Park, Trudy Arcella. (back row) Beth VanDeraa, Becky Moore, John Edington,



Jon Vanderwal, Jim Basil, Kanny Turke, Eugenia Ho. (second row) Salvador Karottki, Tiffany Wagner, Shirley Goldyn, Melissa Lounsberry, Beckie Manous, Julie Shah. (third row) Amy Stover, Gar (fourth row) Jim Zawada, Marty Karol, Alan Shutko, Brad Wadle, Doug



FRESHMEN CEC (mont row) Sarah Noel, Cori Garcia, Nikki Alters,



BOX IT

In order to squeeze in a few more shoes, Project space for another pair. With the help of Dr. David Ray and surrounding schools, 9,211 pairs were area's less fortunate.

SEEING IS BELIEVING

Keeping the Winter Pep Rally running on schedule, Student Body President Sal Karottki, senior. takes one last look at the students before passing on the torch to the new president, Tim Bognar, junior. Student Government's job description included everything from heading the blood drive to interacting with the administration on



AFTER HOURS



JUNIOR CEC. (front row) Nicole Arethas, Becky Marshall, Dawn Bainbridge. (second row) Carolyn Lucas, Joe Florczak, Dan Tabion, Patty Hemingway. (back row) Tim Fesko, Bryan Zweig, Amy Stover.



SENIOR CEC: (front row) Kristan Hatton, Kellen Rogan, Greer Goodman, Monica Rastogi, (second row) Miranda Zambo, Jen Ramanna, Sean Hayes, Mandy Blees. (back row) Jamie Ward, Steve Krol, Pat Mesterharm, Jeff DeRosa.



SOPHOMORE CEC: (pront rote) Kris Demitroulas, Amy Bohling, Erin Houser. (second rote) Yvette Castor, Vicky LeVan, BJ Palmer, Amy Boyle. (back rote) Nora Lasbury, Tom Anzur, Jen Nellans.



FRESHMAN CHEERLEADERS: (tront rote) Megan Becino, Sarah Noel Janine Bishop. (back rote) Jennifer Kenar, Lori Block, Robyn Senchak.



JV CHEERLEADERS: (front row) Cathy Lucas, Erica Lesniak, Carolyn Lucas (back row) Angue Darrow, Sara Weaver, Kristin Ouinn.





RECORD PERFECT

While approving a yearbook caption, Quill and Scroll president Greer Goodman, senior, searches for the right wording. Quill and Scroll honored publications students who displayed outstanding service to the *Paragon* or *Crier*.





the hard work and long hours dedicated students sacrifice to make it to the Big Time.

Call-out meetings sufficed for some clubs, but others demanded hours of dedication and the fulfillment of requirements before joining.

Honor organizations such as Na-

tional Honor Society (NHS), National Forensics League (NFL). Quill and Scroll and Thespians required members to maintain their grade point averages and earn participation points in order to gain acceptance.

Admittance to these clubs flattered some students. "It said a lot about a person," NFL member Dave Hankin, junior, said. "Colleges see it and knew the effort that goes into what we did. It was the tag of the hard work and effort that goes into being part of the Speech

Team " The effort involved in NFL included earning 25 points in speech and debate competition and ranking in the top two-thirds of the class. NHS required 30 participation points for both in and out of school activities as well as demanding a 4.2 grade point average. Quill and Scroll required a rank in the top third of the class and outstanding service by publications students. Thespian members earned 14 points for onstage or backstage work in Theatre productions to gain acceptance.

Fulfillment of these requirements let sponsors know that students deserved acceptance. "Points were necessary to show service in all capacities of the theater-acting, stage work, costumes, publicity, programs," Drama sponsor Mr. Gene Fort, history teacher, said. "You had been exposed to all areas of the theater to be a Thespian."

Once accepted, students appreciated the honor as a result of their long hours of dedication. "The honor of Quill and Scroll was that you are recognized for putting forth your best effort and making Pub your home away from home," Quill and Scroll member Trudy Arcella, senior, said.

Rewards also came from the work done through these clubs. NHS members experienced the rewards of donating their time to tutor other students. "It was nice to be on the other sideteaching another instead of being taught," Maria Carlos, senior, said. "I felt like I really knew something and 1 was really helping people. You finally get a chance to use all your knowledge and put it into something that really matters."

For those who met the requirements, honor clubs rewarded their hard work, dedication and time commitment, which left students feeling proud of their accomplishments and achievements.

RIG TIME

It says a lot about a person. Colleges see it and know the effort that goes into what we do.

Dave Hankin, junior



FINAL TOUCH

Preparing for the fall play "The Drunkard," Thespian Todd Matuska, senior, puts the finishing touches on his make-up. Hours spent rehearsing, performing or helping backstage

SPEAK OUT

Taking on the roles of Timothy and Elizabeth, National Forensics League (NFL) members Jeremy Kryt and Amanda Elman, seniors, perform their State winning duo. By earning 25 points during regular season competition, Speech and Debate Team members gained acceptance to NFL, allowing them to go to Districts and na-

AFTERHOURS



VARSITY CHEERLEADERS: (front 1600) Miranda Zambo, Erin Fech, Kellen Rogan, Nicole Llewellyn (back rote) Mandy Blees, Laura Triana, Natalie Anzur, Athena Tosiou.





JUNIOR DECA. (front rece) Jenna Finwall, Eric Kime, Jason Gardner, Renec-Carlson, Amy Metz, Christine Justak, Heather Brisk, Jecoud rays. Peter Economou, Jennifer Coyle, Kristina Hardy, Martiusz, Zatorsk, Rec Culliermo, Aric Bolling, (fulsar draw Shelley Populawsk, Kat Jabasay, Chris Dorka, Beb Gonzales, Bob Long, Kelly Tanosa; (fourth rece) Jason Jadernak, Burt Hulbe, Peymon Torolsk, Byan Richardson, C.J. Compton, Dan Cowert, Phil Hajduk, (hack rece) Amy Damjanovich, Eric Miller, John Chronowski, Rajhe Cunnor, Troy Dellorto, Mike Hospita.



SENIOR DECA: (tront raw) Laura Blue, Wendy Rhodes, Michael Macik, Samantha Long, Sheila Keown, (secund raw) Mr. Kent Lewis, sponsor, Michele Uzubell, Karen Blanchard, Renec Kartalis, Shawna Smith, Colleen Ward. (fack raw) Mike Mendoza, Mike Mickow, Chris Fierek, Matt Klapowski, Joel Breuker.



ENSEMBLES-JUNIOR BOYS: "(front rove) Dan Wilson, Jason Creenbaum, Bl?almer, Chris Tomeo, Ryan Boilek, Barry Smith, John Melby, second rove) Chris Fortin, Jason Doherty, Peter Ronco, Mile Jez. Scott Matucha, Tom Boilek, Steve Rossi. (finit rove) Steve Zimmerman, Miles Fekter, Steve Hollas, Tom Anzur, Mark Meyers, Matt Mybeck. Chad Bohling, (back rove) Radley Robinson, Crant Talabay, Tim Fesko, Frank Wright, Mark Radly, Tim Sembuck, Art Mays.





out friends and family gave them a chance to work Overtime with extra-curricular activities.

While a percentage of the student body race out the door just as the final

bell ends, the remaining head towards the designated rooms. Unable to

leave until they complete the end product, students end up making that room their home. Involved students

grew accustomed to this scenario, causing them to work overtime. Working longer hours depended on the level of responsibilities given to members. "Last year, when I was Clubs Editor I had some responsibility," Associate Editor Sharon Trovinger, senior, said. "But because of my position on the

yearbook, now most of my free time is

TIME

If you were in a

club, it was at

effort to put

Seema Shah.

freshman

least worth the

some time into it.

consumed by spending extra hours after school."

Veteran members in Speech and Debate dedicated any time possible into excelling in their field of competition. "All I have to spare is about a half hour. because of my other responsibilities, but that goes towards getting help on my cut," Grant Talabay, junior, said.

Those able to compete in past years drew learned experiences. "If you've made it to sectionals and regionals, the coaches wanted you to put in a lot of extra hours practicing with them." Jason Doherty, sophomore, said. "They want you to be able to perform the best that you can."

Novice members followed older members' advice. "It was new to me, coming into Speech and Debate. I didn't have any idea what to expect," Evan Greenbaum, freshman, said. "But I received a lot of help from the older (continued on page 138)

JUST A TRIM

Building the layout for Crier's upcoming paper, Design Editor, Maribeth Mask, senior works at the light box. Publication staffers had to sacrifice long hours after school to complete deadlines.

ETCH-A-SKETCH

With the help of Eric Rhoades and John Mangus, sophomores, Mr. Jay Gerson creates ideas for the musical background. Backstage workers designed sets with the help of outside contributors.



CUTTING

members, and I tried to follow their advice when it came to my cut."

Even students new to a club found the extra hours needed in order to get the job done. "Even though I was a writer rather than an editor, I spent time in the Publications room," Crier writer Tony Burrell, junior, said. "I used lunch to do my interviewing, and then wrote my story after school."

Time spent completing an assignment varied depending on the task. "Since I was a photographer, my time usually depended on how many photos I was supposed take," Kelly East, junior, said. "Some days it was a couple hours, others it was 20 minutes."

Some members stayed at school longer than they imagined. "In the beginning, it wasn't that bad. But because of deadline, I was usually in the room for a few hours," Advertising Assistant Amie Swardson, junior, said.

Along with the time consuming work came the dedication involved. "I really had to dedicate my time to anything I did, if I really wanted to get ahead," Clubs Editor Amy Stover, jun-

THREE MUSKETEERS

Psyching up the other members, juniors Brad Vliek and Ron Magniola and Amanda Elman, senior, entertain the Speech members during the three hour bus ride to the state meet in Indianapolis. With extra encouragement from peers, students made it through even the most stressful situations and competitions. ior, said. "If I really worked at it, all the time and effort did pay off."

Quality of the work began with dedication of an individual, according to Speech and Debate member Seema Shah, freshman. "If you were in a club, it was at least worth the effort to put some time into it. After all, that was what could make or break a club, or anything else for that matter."

Dedication never stopped at the single member. Some found dedication to help the club as a whole, rather than individually. "Even when my work was done, I went in and helped out because of the shortage of workers," Tony said.

When the work finished, members looked back with happiness in their eyes. "Iknow it seemed like a lot when there was so much to be done," Academic Competition Club member Kellie Myer, sophomore, said. "But, when all was done, I got this feeling of satisfaction."

Even though students forgot what relaxing felt like, the satisfaction made it worth it.

DINNER HOUR

Arranging a feast of barbecue chicken, cole slaw and rolls, Cheryl Russell, freshman, and Mrs. Beth Luksich, Speech member parent, prepare plates for Speech and Debate's annual Chicken Barbecue Dinner. Beginning at 11 a.m. members, sponsors and parents put in approximately seven and a half hours.











PUCKER UP

Expressing her shock, Amanda Fisher, senior perfects her cut, "I Read About My Death In Vogue Magazine," for the State meet in Indianapolis on April 3. Amanda placed first, beating out 25 competitors in the Humor Interpretation category to repeat as State Champ.

TRICKS OF THE TRADE

Hoping to better grasp the procedure of placing a story, Clubs Assistant Sweetu Patel, junior, receives help from Associate Editor, Sharon Trovinger, senior. Experienced peers set aside the ropes first-hand.



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ENSEMBLES- SENIOR BOYS: (front row) Kris Nowak, John Giannini. Patrick Song, Todd Matuska, Larry Luna, Joel Breuker. (second row) Robert Koh, Brad Sparber, Brian Eldridge, Kevin Kolb, Jamie Ward.



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for profits discover after frustrating fundraisers that Time Is Money.

They appeared in every classroom, around every corner and in the Food Court. They spotted every student and traded products for money, then they

watched for the next innocent passerby.

Fundraisers acted as a necessary part of a club's existence because they provided a way to finance their wants and needs. From candy sales to rummage sales, they kept the money coming in for various expenses.

If a special need arose, clubs used several different fundraisers to raise necessary money. In order for the Poms to raise money for a trip to Florida for national competition, they worked

concessions stands, sold carnations and candy, ran a car wash, had a rummage sale and stood outside various grocery stores. Through these fundraisers, the squad raised over \$10,000. "It lifted the burden of the expenditures of our trip," Poms member Christy Wiatrowski, senior, said. "It enabled all of us to go to Florida without financial worry.

Other clubs found themselves with the same expenses year after year. The National Honor Society (NHS) sponsored a doughnut and juice sale Tuesday and Thursday mornings to pay for special events. "Every year we basically wiped out our treasury with the induction ceremony," NHS member Dottie Pomroy, senior, said. "The ceremony was our major expense."

Major expenses staved the same for other clubs, also. The Drama Club depended on ticket sales, drama dues and community sponsors to finance set work for its productions. "We recycled what we could from year to year." Drama member Natalie Bacha, junior, said. "We still had to buy new paint, wood, nails and wallpaper."

Club dues supplied adequate money for other groups. Four dollar dues provided cash for foreign language clubs and the Art Club. "Sometimes we sold candy, but it was such a hassle," Art Club sponsor Mrs. Marianne Mencher, art teacher, said. "We used our dues to buy supplies so we could make jewelry and beads, and we took a really fun field trip."

Class leaders' fundraisers continued for years. "We sold afghans at football games for two years," Sophomore Class Executive Council member Amy Bohling said. "We were trying to raise money for Prom."

Whether clubs spent cash on ceremonies or supplies, members looked to any method they could to get the most for their money and still come out ahead on financial matters.

SIZE IT UP In an attempt to raise money for the Crier, Amy Mucha, senior, shows ad sizes to Eurotan's retwo ads or \$40 worth every six weeks to help finance the cost of printing.





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AFTER HOURS



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FLAG CORP: (front rote) Candy Noel, Kelly Shaver, Michelle Segelon. (second row) Mandy Brown, Sara Pipping, Michelle Keith. (back row) Melinda Robbins, Melissa Robbins, Gabby Lewis



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CUTTING EDGE

As Ashley Wasem, junior, watches, Mr. Walter Helminski, community member, demonstrates jewelry-making skills. The Art Club spent their \$4 dues on beads for the bead loom



Contributing his own \$.50, Jeremie Brackett, junior, helps out the National Honor Society (NHS) by paying Jessica McHie, senior, for his doughnut purchase. Selling doughnuts and juice in the Food Court before school every Tuesday and Thursday benefitted NHS by adding extra money to their treasury.



BEATOUT

the ordinary as they entertain crowds to encourage teams during Half Time.

McDonald's runs during diving competitions and bowling shirts for halftime filled dull moments for club

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members helping sports teams by adding variety and fun to their duties.

Clubs closely related to sports teams such as the Marching Band, Poms, Flag Corp, Cheerleaders and Munster Timing Organization (MTO) followed odd schedules while entertaining fans at football and basketball games or timing swim meets.

The Band performed at every home football and basketball game, as well as in several parades including the Chicago Labor Day Parade and the Sycamore, IL, Pumpkin Parade. The first hour class allowed for practice and time to create themes for their basketball season when members dressed up and painted their faces. "The people are funny and the road trips are great," Ron Magliola, junior, said. "The class is also a break from the norm because we participate."

Joining the Band at games, the Poms performed at halftime. They also travelled to including a trip to Orlando, FL, for a National competition on Feb. 5 and 6. Because of the constant need for new routines and practice for nationals, members practiced up to eight or ten hours a week. "It's hard work, but you still have fun," Valeri Nairn, se-

JUMP FOR JOY

To keep the beat, the Poms leap into the air during a halftime performance. The Poms squad practiced eight to ten hours a week, with captains and lieutenants dedicating extra time.

DRESS FOR SUCCESS

Foretelling doom for the visiting team, Pete Yerkovich, junior, participates in a basketball season band theme night. Band members used first hour to discuss ideas for the theme nights.





UP IN THE AIR

Caught up in the game's excitement, Miranda Zambo, senior, leads the crowd's cheer of "Go Big Red." Two hour long Tuesday practices allowed cheerleaders to brush up on old cheers and create new ones for upcoming games.





LET IT ROLL

Showing his true colors, Phil Mlynarski, senior, prepares for the drum roll before the Homecoming Queen amouncement. Band members performed not only in halfitime shows, but also in the Sycamore Pumpkin Parade, the Chicago Labor Day Parade and school concerts and created ideas for them nights.

AFTER HOURS



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BEAT OUT

nior, said. "It's fun travelling different places for competitions."

Flag Corp members travelled with the Band and practiced with them, performing to their music. In the fall, necessary zero hour practices helped coordinate the Flags and the Band. In addition to this practice time, members spent ten hours per week perfecting their routines. Despite the time commitment, members enjoyed the corp. "Tbecame friends with members of the corp last year when I was in Band," Michelle Keith, sophomore, said. "I liked it and loined."

Leading the crowd in support of the team or providing entertainment during time outs, cheerleaders attended all games. During basketball season, more

than one game per week took time away from studies, but some girls didn't mind because of their love of cheering. "I love tumbling and doing stunts," captain Lori Block, freshman, said, "50 it's worth it."

Helping another sport, MTO timed both the girls' and boys' swim meets. Previously the Girls' Timing Organization, the club changed to MTO in order to increase the availability of timers for girls' meets. "For the past years, the girls helped the guys," Chris Wilhite, sophomore, said. "Now it seemed only fair to help them."

Changing from bowling shirts to togas and wolfing down hamburgers, club members kept up their duties helping to support teams.





TO BE OR NOT TO BE

With brush in hand, Kristin Quinn, sophomore, begins work on a football spirit sign. Cheerleaders painted signs to build enthusiasm for the Highland game, Senior Night and the Homecoming game.

EARLY RISER

While the sun comes up, Erin Damjanovich, freshman, participates in a zero hour band practice. Band members used zero hour to practice the formation for halftime shows on the field.





SIDE EFFECT

Striking a pose, Valeri Nairn, senior, leads the Poms in a repeat performance of their routine for Nationals at the Crown Point game. The Poms Dance Team Championship in Orlando, FL



As road construction on Columbia continues, Candy Noel, junior, leads the Flag Corp in the Homecoming Parade. Corp members performed with the Band during football season, but choreographed routines to popular music for basketball season halftime performances.

AFTER HOURS



MARCHING BAND: (front row) Jessica Lanzillo, Erin Damianovich. Burghardt, Jon Vander Wal, Keith Madderom, Laura Anthony, Amy Klapowski, Rebecca Keith, Rachel Schimming



MARCHING BAND: (front rote) Kristiana Neff, Nickie Lee, Patty (second row) Jim Hajduk, Jack Conley, Cheryl Kras, Rab Kopenec, Jeff Michelle Keith, Sallamah Aliah, Amy Hundley, Trisha Kress, Kristin Quinn, Tiffany Wagner. (fourth row) Steve Murray, Paul Parker, Mike Columbo, Bob Tracy, Tony Carrara, Doug Wadle, Todd Higgerson. Phil Mlynarski, Nathan Kras, Bob Samardzio



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on hobbies as special interest organizations allow them to smooth out the edges of their Past Times.

Whether cleaning out fish tanks, celebrating the Day of the Dead or finding constellations at dusk, different experi-

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ences drew students to special interest clubs. Clubs such as Art Club,

Astronomy Club, Aquarium Club, Video Club and the three foreign language clubs offered a variety of activities for students.

Airbrushing, molding clay and designing wire sculptures filled the time at Tuesday Art Club meetings, along with discussions involving different forms of art. "People join because they like art a lot," Ben

Hilt, freshman, said. Stargazers turned to

the Astronomy Club and its trips to Lemon Lake to view the skies. "It's the first step to understanding what astronomy is all about." Gar Park, junior, said. "It's a way to get interested in it."

The opportunity to work with live animals led other students to the Aquarium Club. As members took care of tropical fish in the Main Office, Chemistry Lab and Athletic Office aquariums, they learned more about raising and breeding fish. "Hopefully, we'll be able to raise the fish from eggs and produce a continuing supply of fish," Aquarium Club president Jim Zawada, senior, said. "Eventually, we hope to introduce new varieties of fish

through breeding."

Students interested in broadcasting joined the Video Club and produced, filmed and edited their own cable show "MHS On the Air" which aired Tuesdays. Club members created a new show every other week and also considered producing a video yearbook with some clips from the show. "Our club is different than others," Video Club vice president Michelle Kaim, junior, said. "We get to see more products and more of our own work then most clubs do."

Foreign language clubs helped expose students to different cultures and allowed them to practice using the languages, whether French, German or Spanish. The club members journeyed into Chicago to visit museums, restaurants and plays and threw parties to celebrate customary ethnic holidays and traditions. "The French Club provides somewhere besides the classroom where you can learn about French," Joe Sus, sophomore, said.

Club sponsors realized the importance of special interest organizations an encouraged student involvement in the clubs. "They're important for kids who aren't academically or athletically inclined," Spanish Club sponsor Mrs. Anne Whiteley, Spanish teacher, said. "Clubs give them something to be in so they feel like they belong."

As the meeting drew to a close, students cleaned their paint brushes, finalized plans for Oktoberfest, put the finishing touches on their productions and headed home after a long day.





AFTER HOURS



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WORK AT HAND

Focused on filing, Art Club member Cara Hilt, senior, finds the perfect shape for her pendant. Art Club members learned the art of jewelry from Mr. Walter Helminski, community member, who volunteered his time to attend meetings and teach jewelry-making skills after school.

TYING THE KNOT

Preparing for the "Pin the Bone on the Skeleton," Cosmin Dobrescu, junior, covers Marika Voukidis', sophomore, eyes at the Spanish Day of the Dead party. Language clubs celebrated foreign holidays to expose members to culture.



every aspect of their act to get it right on the nose months and minutes before Show Time.

Sweaty palms and shaky voices overcame students as they stepped on stage to look into the faces of a crowd hoping that the endless hours of re-

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fame resulted from the long hours of practice after practice. "We start practicing for Ensembles at least three months before a performance," Ensemble member Tom Boilek, junior, said. "Sometimes he (Mr. Holmberg) spends all class hour on us."

Organizations' performances resulted from group effort and teamwork. "Whenever we need a new routine for a game, we all sit around

and brainstorm," Varsity cheerleader, Laura Triana, junior, said. "That way we each had a chance to put some of our ideas into the routine."

Others, though, depended on a pair to bring life into an act. "We each take turns and then two of us go off together and try and work something out, "Flag Corps member Mandy Brown, junior, said. "It's decided upon the taste in music and if it does or doesn't coincide with the band."

But, when the day finally arrives, even the slightest notion or fear can throw a curve, according to Annie Rawlings, junior. "Even though you practice for hours, you still get freaked about small things, like whether your line has this word or not, or if you should use a hand gesture there."

Whether a five minute routine or a three act play, anxieties, fears and excitement rejuvenated within performer's bodies seconds beforehand. "I don't think you can ever get

JAZZING IT UP

Watching their teacher, Mr. Scott Schulz, band teacher, the Jazz Band demonstrates their accomplishments. By giving mock performances, band members grew accustomed to an audience

ON THE NOSE

Adjusting the collar on his nose, Kellen Rogan, senior, helps Tim Bognar, junior, polish his appearance. Approximately 1,200 people attended the Holiday Choral concert, resulting in recordbreaking attendance







AFTER HOURS



PROJECT X: (front row) Maria Carlos, Miranda Zambo, Green Goodman, Monica Rastogi. (second row) Joy Miller, Lisa Krieger, Gar Park, Shirley Goldyn. (back row) Brian Chung, Doug Moore, Amy Stover, Kathy McCullough.



QUILL AND SCROLL: (front row) Amy Brietzke, Greer Goodman Sharon Trovinger, Monica Rastogi. (second rote) Maribeth Mask, Trudy



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used to the fact that the audience isn't listening to just me," Orchestra member Melissa Robbins, junior, said. "It's the whole Orchestra that is playing."

Performers tried forgetting the crowd as one form of relaxation, according to Laura. "When I'm out there, it usually helps me to not think about the bleachers full of people staring at me. I sometimes try and think I'm only at practice and we're doing a dry run."

Although accidents did occur. members tried to recover from their mistakes smoothly. "At a competition

last year, we forgot to sing a whole verse," Ensemble member Chris Tomeo junior, said. "It turned out okay, though. We still got first place."

Fortunately, the show consisted of more than embarrassing moments and performers strove to give their audience a memorable show. "When I'm up there performing in front of about 300 people I don't think about anything else except doing my best and what I'm supposed to be doing next," Ensemble member Yvette Castor, junior, said.

After what seems like hours of singing and dancing in front of a crowd, performers held their breath with anticipation as they waited from feedback from the audience. "When you look into the crowd and see everyone smiling, it just makes it all the more awarding," Tap Club member Daria Cullen, junior, said.

As the performance comes to a close, relief swept over the group as they heard the overwhelming applause and they took a final bow knowing that all the hours of practicing paid off.

BEAT IT

Squeezing in practice just before performance Phil Mylnarski, senior, perfects his piece for the Band Concert. Musically inclined played long

STAR-GAZED

During "Light Up the Sky's" production format, Stella, played by Maribeth Mask, senior, listens to others critiquing the make-believe play. Aspiring actors and actresses exhibited their talents on stage during the seasonal plays, the Musical





FROM THE TOP

While Ensemble members practice their song for the Holiday Choral Concert. In addition to performing on Dec. 17 in the auditorium, Ensemble members took their act on the road, singing at various functions throughout the area.

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STAND: (front read) Natalee Newsom, Paitra Economou, Miranda Zambo, Annie Rawlings, Kristen Weber, Maria Carlos, (second read) Kellie Myers, Karen Edington, Adean Altschul, Beth VamDeraa, Sanjay Paul, ManDee Adams, Ashley Wasem. (third read) Amy Czapla, Jen Cushing, Meghan Woodrick, Laura Andreshak, Todd Matuska, Rebecca Keith. (last read) Tony Burrell, Dan Spormar, Chirag Shah, Brad Wadle, Joe Hoch, Doug Morro, Ion Finerty.



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TOUCH OF RED

Helping Jen Coyle, junior, show support for the football team, DFCA member Amy Damjanovich, junior, paints her face. By contributing to the parade and other Homecoming festivities, individual organizations displayed their school-wide spirit.

FIESTA

Getting a drink to wash down his pizza, Maytee Boonyapredee, junior, participates in Spanish Club's Day of the Dead celebration. Spanish club members learned about the Spanish version of Halloween and other traditional holidays through dressing up and eating ethnic foods.





their schedule with all the Good Times clubs have to offer.

The majority of the time, relationships between students and teachers only existed in the classroom, but join-

ing a club helped them develop a more casual relationship while having a good time.

As a result, members viewed sponsors in a different light outside of school. "Knowing more about each other made fieldtrips more enjoyable," Cheryl Kras, junior, said. "Even if you have already been there. it still seems different."

Students found many

ways to gather, such as throwing club parties. "I like the parties, because you get to talk to people you normally wouldn't be able to during school," French Club president Amy Gust, senior, said.

Provided with a more casual atmosphere, teachers found that even their quietest students grew talkative. "When you're on fieldtrips or throwing a party, you can become more relaxed, even around your teacher," German Club sponsor Mrs. Helga Meyer, German teacher, said.

Between French fromage parties, field trips to the Art Institute and STAND's Kids Day, club members found many activities to fill their time.

MOUTH-FULL

Getting a taste of German culture, Eugene Paik, at German Club's Oktoberfest. Through the recreation of traditional ethnic holidays, foreign language club members experienced customs outside of their own.

Cheryl Kras,

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NOBLE PAIR Prince and Princess elections. Parties and wacky traditions provided a social opportunity for publications members to relax





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ARISE

as service clubs take **Time Out** to serve the town through community volunteering and projects.

Whether collecting food and clothes for the victims of Hurricane Andrew, bowling to raise money for Muscular Dystrophy or organizing awareness weeks, students in service clubs gave time and a helping hand to their school

and community.

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"Hopefully, students will get

dents will get involved in high school and continue throughout adulthood.

Mr. Kent Lewis, business teacher

An Association of Marketing Students (DECA) gave teens an opportunity to organize fundraisers for Muscular Dystrophy and a canned food drive. "Through projects like Dates for Dystrophy and Boxer Bowl-a-thon, hopefully, students will get involved in high school and continue throughout adulthood," DECA sponsor Kent Lewis. business teacher, said.

Along with DECA helping the disadvantaged, students in Project X assembled activities such as "The dents and elementary kids who don't know how to comprehend English ," Holly Baran, sophomore, said. Members involved in Students Against Drunk Driving (SADD) dedicated themselves to making others

tion that provided the less-fortunate

with footwear. "We also tutor for stu-

Members involved in Students Against Drunk Driving (SADD) dedicated themselves to making others aware of the consequences of driving under the influence of alcohol. "During Red Ribbon Week almost everyone wore the ribbons on their clothes or on their bags," Olivia Topete, freshman, said. "Even after the week was over, I noticed people still had them on."

A new club, Students Taking A New Direction (STAND), took on activities such as Kid's Day, which consisted of a nine hour retreat to help students develop better self-esteen. "We hope to get more involved with time, but we're a young group and want to start small." Brad Wadle, senjor, said.

After giving their time to participate in service activities, comitted students watched as their town and school benefitted from hours of hard work and patience.

Great Smoke Out" and a shoe collec-

Reaching to tape a poster on the Commons wall, Shirley Goldyn, junior, promotes the upcoming Project X food and clothing drive. Project X centered their activities around awarness and helping the needy with programs.

FREE FALLING

After spending a day developing better communication skills, Karen Blackstone, freshman, playsa game of Trust Fall at Kid's Day, Kid's Day helped students learn more about themselves and others through various games and activities.



free time for fulfillment as they dedicate themselves to various clubs. Giving Time to others.

Closing his locker firmly, he slung his bag over his shoulder and walked down the empty corri-

dor. Entering a room full of commotion, he checked his calendar. Disguising his longing thoughts of free time with a smile, he greeted his first appointment.

As club meetings got under way, members, officers and sponsors gave up certain luxuries, such as a jump start on homework or precious rest, for the sake of their organizations, "I am never able to have any free time because when I am doing Crier, I have to rearrange everything else I do to fit

into my schedule," Monica Rastogi, senior, said

I like the feel-

ing that I have

Tracey Houser,

contributed

something.

junior

Participants often devoted free time to give a hand during special events, attend field trips or just to promote an organization. "I really don't have all that much free time on my hands, so I try to distribute evenly between the two clubs I'm in," Tracey Houser, junior, said, "I like the feeling that I have contributed something."

Putting in the extra hours did not seem very unusual to veterans. "I have been the German Club sponsor for as long as I can remember," Mrs. Helga Meyer, German teacher, said. "It has always been that way, so I guess I am used to staying at school late."

However, new members needed to Iearned how to distribute time and patience quickly. "Since I'm in Speech and Debate, I put in about three hours a week practicing," Chirag Shah, junior, said. "Now that I'm on the Speech Council. I have to devote another two hoursof my time to helping novices with their event."

Students sometimes thought about the alternatives aside from extra-curricular activities that could occupy their time. "If I wasn't in Spanish Club, Project X and Students Against Driving Drunk (SADD), then I'd probably have more time to go out with my friends," Frances Legaspi, junior, said.

Others seemed unbothered by the time various organizations took. "There is really not much else to do besides hanging out and homework," Karen Ferrara, sophomore, said, "So I do not mind being in a few clubs."

Complimenting all the trouble and effort, involvement did include rewards and advantages. "When you're a sponsor, you get to do things with the students you normally wouldn't have the opportunity to do with in the classroom," Mrs. Mever said.

As he entered his house, the phone rang. He turned down an invitation to a friend's house and left, thinking only of his club's party that evening

DOUBLE TAKE

To perfect her cut, freshman Becky Brown, freshman, tries out different facial expressions while practicing in the Speech and Debate practice room. Becky placed second with her cut, "Babar's Children." at the Chesterton meet.





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VIDEO: (front row) John Conley, Rebecca Keith, Laura Budzik, Ben Hilt. (second row) Jeff Nowakowski, Bobby Samardzic, Michelle Kaim, Cheryl Oblon. (back row) Art Mayes, Charlie Alcala, Pete Yerkovich, Danny





OPEN FOR QUESTIONS

Coaching Academic Competition Club (ACC) members, ACC sponsor, Mr. Bruce Curme, physics teacher, throws out various questions. In hope of establishing strong organizations, sponsors devoted extra time to their clubs.

STUDY BUDDY

During a tutorial session, Dottie Pomoroy, senior, explains a force equation to help John Kim, junior prepare for a physics exam. Whenever needed, National Honor Society members gave up spare time for the benefit of their peers.

FACE IN THE CROWD / /

"THE PEOPLE IN THIS SCHOOL ARE

so diverse. We've got everything from wanna-be hippies to die-hard Metallica lovers. I don't believe that there isn't a clique represented. Hey--wait for me..."

As THE TYPICAL STUDENT slept past their alarm, Miss Teen Indiana Nicole Llewellyn, senior, spent three hours primping for the Miss Teen USA pageant in Biloxi, Mississippi.

WHILE BORED STUDENTS aimlessly doodled during a monotonous lecture, Holly Senchak, junior, designed a 4-H club project which evolved into a state-wide billboard campaign.

SPENDING A SATURDAY

evening at home, students hit the video stores to rent flicks such as "Field of Dreams," while Dan Zabrecky, freshman, qualified for the Northern State All-Star Baseball Team.

WITH A MEDIAN EDUCATION

career lasting a minimum of 20 years, some teachers eagerly started the countdown to retirement while seven new teachers, fresh out of college, arrived to kick off their teaching experiences.

BETWEEN GETTING MEASURED FOR caps and gowns, cramming in SAT prep courses, crashing into a Driver's Ed program and searching for English class, freshmen to seniors found their personalities to be... AS DIFFERENT AS NIGHT AND DAY

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TO THEIR
OWN BEAT
Blocked from
the hot sun by
their straw hats,
peter Verkovich
and Jack Conley,
juniors, stand
out from the
Homecoming
crowd. From
funky clothes to
wild personalities, students
relied on small
differences to
create their own
identities.





Lena Barth Aarstad: Drama 12; Tap 12; Ensembles 12; French Club 12; German Club

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Monica Adley: Cross Country 9-12; Track 911; Spanish Club 10-11; Art 11
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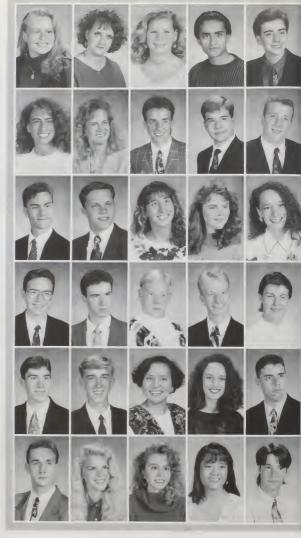
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John Robert Bogucki: Golf 9-12; Spanish Club 10-11; Ensembles 12 Robert Basenbles 12 Robert Green Baseball 9-12 Aric Bohling: DECA 12 Kent A. Boomsma: Baseball 9-12; Football 9 Adam Bostick Brad Brauer: Basketball 9-11; Track 10-12; Cross Country 11

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John Burkey: Swimming 9-12; Track 9-12 Julie Kathleen Byrne: Spanish Club 9-12; German Club 1-12; NHS 11-12; JA 10-11; Tennis 9-12(Capt. 11-12); Swimming 9; Orchestra 9-12; Project X 11; Drama 11 Cathy Capic Maria Carlos Craig Carnagey

Anthony James Carrara: Band 9-12; Jazz Band 10-12







Obsessive seniors take favorite hobbies to the extreme while STRIVING TO PERFECTION

Slight interests and strong likings only seemed to start the crazy habits or addictions that could slowly form into obsessions.

Special interests often turned into obsessions as seniors found themselves performing certain rituals day after day unable to stop. "Ever since I was little, soup was all that I would eat," Courtney Miller said. "I love it and eat it at least once a day. If I don't, then I feel bad, and I get in a bad mood."

Although many people would like to think that their obsessions remained to themselves, friends often helped encourage addicting habits which could start some fun and even entertain friends. "I used to go over to my friend's house and always screw around with his guitar," Jeremy Keenan said. "I finally got my own and now I'm in a band with some friends and we practice everyday. We even released our own tape."

Although some addictions proved worthwhile, others grew into bad habits which students could not easily shake. "My friend got me started eating candy corn, and now I can't stop," Carrie Kinnis said. "I eat it almost everyday and I almost always carry it wherever. It is something that I just can not help."

Some students just took their obsessions as a fact of life and learned to live with them. Many even used them strive for long-term goals. "I try to play tennis everyday for as long as I can,"

Ravi Gupta said. "I want to play in college, so I try my hardest-lt's definitely an addiction."

Addictions from chowing down on candy to shopping until they dropped, full blown obsessions seemed like the most

natural thing in the world to the people who had them, even if they struck the mere on-looker as absurd or just plain strange."

everyone has their moment

"I love grapes, but I don't want to sleep on them. Liking something doesn't mean you have to have it all the time." Ryan Christy

in the spotlight





dust buster

Diligently polishing his dresser, Chris Maurer, senior, tries to obliterate the last specks of dust. From alphabetizing their CD'ws to color coding their sock drawer, seniors found themselves obsessing over petty details.

full swing ahead

To improve his stance, Matt Wittkamp, senior, tees off at a heated driving range. Despite cold weather, athletic students found alternative methods to practice their favorite sports.

IANDS on action

As students occupy their time with volunteer work and extracurriculars, they receive HANDS ON ACTION

With the strong winds of change blowing through Washington, D.C., seniors followed the capital's trend and made efforts in hopes of creating a better tomorrow. Both on global and local levels, students got involved so that they could make the future something to look forward to for everyone

A popular way for students to get involved, the presidential election had students voicing their opinions to support their favorite candi-

date. "I wanted to do all that I could for Clinton," Doug Moore said. "I thought 12 years of Republican rule was too long; we needed a change."

chose to act on in-school

issues, such as the object-

ing the pledge. "People

Other students

Vickie Clifford

everyone has their moment

"My family thinks I am such

better recycle that or Vickie

a freak. They say, 'you

will spaz."

in the spotlight

can't just complain about their rights being violated," Marty Karol said.

"If no one bothers to stand up for their civil rights, administrators will only to make more regulations like the drug testing policy."

School improvement provided motivation as students used Design Teams, Class Executive Council (CEC) and other leadership organizations to express their concerns. "Being Student Government Vice President made me more active and more aware of what was going on at school," Sara Langen said. "It let me change some things that I thought needed changing."

International concerns serving as another target, seniors joined groups which fought world-wide problems. From raising awareness of the Holocaust to writing to writing letters to Somalian leaders, students acted up in hopes of making the world a better place. "If no one does anything, nothing will ever get done," Lisa Saks said. "We should try to be like the drop that starts the waterfall."

Writing persuasive letters, joining school organizations and voicing political opinions all served as tools for students to get involved. In a year dominated by the need for change, seniors tried to build themselves a better tomorrow through involvement and their action.

raising spirits

agement to the football team. Whether leading crowds in chants or activists in rallies, seniors found various ways to get involved locally and nationally.

















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Douglas M. Cenko: Scuba 9-10; Art 11-12 Puja Chandnani: Spanish Club 9-10; SADD 10. Peter Choros

Brian A. Chung Victoria Elisabeth Clifford: Ensembles 10-12; Drama 9-12, Spanish Club 9-12; N115 11-12; German Club 9-12; Project X 10-11; SADD 10-

Heather Nicole Collard: Flag Corps 9 10 Lori Ann Conley Robert Conley: Football 9; Baseball 9 12;

Ensembles 12

Shawn Conley: Ensembles 12 Steve Cornelison Dan Covert: Football 9; DECA 12 Meredith Creviston: Tennis 9; Diving 10; Ensembles 10,12 Jonathan Czapla: Football 9-12; Basketball 10-12; French Club 9; NHS 11-12; Golf 9-10 Christie, J. Dal Corobbu: Trax 8, 9; Ensembles 10-12; Drama 9-12; Paragan 12 (People Ed. 12); Tap 12; Troject N 9-12; Stering Committee 12); Spanish Club 9-12; School Improvement Team 11; JA 10-11; German Club 9-11; Art 11; SADD

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Chris Diederich: Football 9; Cross Country 10; Golf 9-10; Wrestling 9-12 Rob Diezi: Wrestling 9; Cross Country 9-10; Golf 10; Band 9-11; Jazz Band 9; Marching Band 9-11; Track 10 Danu 9-11; Iráck 10 Johnston Dobkowski: Spanish Club 9 Johnston Dombrowski: Spanish Club 9-10 Edward J. Dragomer: Cross Country 10; Track 9-12; French Club 10-12 Reed Drake

John E. Edington: Swimming 9-10; Art 11-12 Carrie S. Einsele: Softball 9: Track 10 Amanda Kathyri Elman: Cheerleading 9: Drama 10-12: Speech/Debate 9-12 (Vice Pres. 12): NHS 11-12; Student Govt 9-12; Ensembles 10-12; Pangori 12; NFL 9-12; Principal's Award Steven Elwood: Football 9-10, SADD 12, Astronomy 11-12; German Club 9, Aquarium

John M. Ewing George Fage IV: SADD 10

Sara Falaschetti

Beth L. Farkas: SADD 9-12 (Treas. 10,12);

mended Student Erin Ann Fech: Cheerleading 9-12; School Improvement Team 11-12; French Club 9-11, Speech/Debate 9; Panagon 11-12 (Ads Ed. 12); Project X 9-12; Ensembles 11-12; Student Govt.

Chris Fierek: DECA 11-12 (Vice Pres. 12)

Jonathan A. Finerty: Diving 9-10; Speech/ Debate 11; Spanish Club 11; Art 11; Drama 10-12; STAND 12

Amanda Lee Fisher: Volleyball 9-10; Orchestra 9-12; NHS 11-12; Tennis 9-12 (Capt. 11); Golf 11-12; CEC 9,11; Speech / Debate 9-12 (Pres. 12); Spanish Club 10,11; National Merit Commended Student 12; Student Govt. 10; Thespian 9-12; Principal's Award for Excellence 9: Girls' State 11 Debby Fleck: French Club 9-10; Ensembles

Erik Fleischman: Football 9-12; Baseball 9 10,12; Ensembles 11-12; Natalie L. Folta: Volleyball 9-12(Capt. 10)

Margaret Frank Emilie Dru Frazier: NHS 11-12; Quill and

Scroll 11-12(Vice Pres. 12); Art 11-12; Paragon 11-12 (Design Ed. 12) Liza B. Gandhi: Spanish Club 10,12; SADD 10-12; Aquarium 11; Project X 10-12 Georgina A. Garcia

John Louis Giannini: Football 9-10; Tennis 11; Golf 10-12; Spanish Club 10-11; German Club 11: Ensembles 11-12; Scuba 9; ACC 11; NHS

Lynn Ann Glass



ETTING out of it

Through cunniving and compromising, seniors look for ways to scam and **GET OUT OF IT**

Scrounging through paper-filled pockets for a couple of quarters or emptying out a 15 pound purse in

search of a crumpled dollar bill, students looked for various ways to scam money and favors from friends, parents and teachers.

Heather Blanco

in the spotlight

everyone has their moment

today? I thought we were on

"What? We have class

vacation this week."

Little white lies seemed to flow from teen's

mouths as homework assignments

slipped their minds. "I usually told my teachers that I couldn't do my homework because I forgot my book at school," Jim Brennan said. "It usually worked because my teachers seemed to trust me and they believed anything I said."

Shouts of "shotgun" heard across South parking lot occurred daily as seniors conned friends into giving them a ride home. "I wandered around looking for a warm car to ride home in the middle of the icy weather," Doug Moore said.

Still in search of the perfect job, teens found creative ways to borrow money from parents when the weekends rolled around. "My parents wouldn't let me get a job so l had to get money from them in order to go out with my friends on the weekend," Kim Vargo said.

With empty pockets and a lighter purse, students trudged down the street with only a penny found in their search for money and favors.

lend an ear

Trying to persuade Ms. Laurie Nicholes, I brary aide, to return his confiscated repor card, John Edington scams his way out of a \$1 fine. From grades to money, seniors found



Timmy Gomez: Track 10 Greer M. Goodman: CEC 11-12 (Sec.12), Project X 10-12 (Steering Committee 12); Paragen 11-12 (Academics Ed., Photography Ed. 11; Managung Ed 12); Quill and Scroll 17-12 (Pres. 12) Joanna Gryn: Spanish Club 9-10; Drama 9-10;

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Ravi K. Gupta: Tennis 9-12 (Capt. 12)
Amy Kathryn Gust: Swimming 9-12 (Capt. 12); French Club 10-12 (Sec. 11, Pres. 12);
Project X 9, NHS 11-12 (Sec. 21); Horsecoming Princess 9; Speech/Debate 9-10; Student Govt. 9-11

Stephanie Ann Hamel: Basketball 9 10; Softball 10-12 Adam Christopher Hansen: Football 9-12,

Kristin A. Hanusin Heather Terese Harbison: Ensembles 10-12; Student Govt. 9-12(Sec. 12), NHS 11-12; Drama

9-10 Jennifer A. Harvey: Drama 9-11, Band 9-10(Council Pres. 10); French Club 9-12(Vice Pres. 10) Michelle Hatmaker: Track 10

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Sean Joseph Hayes: Football 9-11; Baseball 9-12; CEC 9,11-12; NHS 11-12; Ensembles 11-12 Richard S. Heath

Richard S. Heath Lisa Hernandez

Cara Elise Hilt: Poms 10-12 (Capt. 12); Art t1-12 (Pres. 12); Spanish Club 9-10; JA 10-12 Edward T. Holup

Paul K. Horner: Cross Country 9-10,12; Track 9-12

Michael Howarth: Golf 10 Sean E. Jackson: Basketball 9 Ana Marie A. Javate: SADD 10-12; Spanish Club 10-12; Project X 12 Peter Johnson

Debate 10-11; Project X 9 12; Paragon (People Ed. 11; Photography Ed. 12)
Martin B. Karol: Drama 9-12; Speech/Debate 9-12; Astronomy 11-12; Aquarium 11-12

Salvador Karottki: Student Body Pres. 12; Marching Band 9-12; Jazz Band 9-12; Student Govt. 11-12; Ensembles 12; CEC 10; Golf 9-12; National Merit Semi-Finalist Jeremy Keenan: Football 9-10; Track 9-12; French Club 10-12

Shelia Keown: Poms 9; DECA 12 Christopher M. Keslin: Swimming 9; Tennis

Amy Marie Kicho: Tennis 11-12; Spanish Club 9-10; SADD 9-10 Carrie Ann Kinnis: NHS 11-12; Quill and Scroll 11-12; Paragon 11; Volleyball 9-11; Track 9-12

Julie Kirsch: Basketball 9; Ensembles 11-12; German Club 11-12; Spanish Club 9-10 Matt Klapkowski: DECA 11-12; Band 9-12; Wrestling 9-10 Joesph Kmiec

Graig M. Kobe: Swimming 9-12
David Michael Kobers Speech / Debate 9-12:
NHS-11-12; SADD 10-12; Academic
Competion 12: Spanish Club 9; NFL 9-12;
Principals Awards for Excellence 11: National
Mertit Commended Student 12
Robert S. Koh: Football 9-12; Ensembles 1112; German Club 10-12

Kevin P. Kolb: Foorball 9-12; Baseball 9; French Club 9; Ensembles 11-12; Drama 11-12; Student Covt 9-10; Musical 11-12; Tap 12; Angela Kotse 5; gasnak Club 9; Trad; 9-11; Cross Country 10-11; Aquarium 12 Trisha A. Kress Band 9-12; German Club 10-12; SADD 10-12 (Vice Pres. 12); Stephen Matthew Krol: Tennis 9; NHS 11-12; German Club 10-11; Tap 12; CEC 9-12; Student Govt. 11; Ensembles 11-12; Basketball 9-12 (Capt. 12) Kristin Lee Krupinski: Volleyball 9-12 (Capt.

10); Softball 9-11 (Capt. 11) Jeremy Albert Kryt: Speech/Debate 11-12 (Council 12); Drama 11-12; German Club 12

Mary Faith Kunkel: Golf 9-12 (Capt. 12); Crier 11-12 (Feature Ed.11, Ed.-in-Chief 12); Quill and Scroll 11-12, NH5 11-12; French Club 9-12; MTO 10; Student Improvement Team 11-12; Principal's Award for Excellence 11 Maryann Kuslak: Track 9-10; Cross Country 10; Spanish Club 9-10

Joseph Lalich: Golf 9-12; Ensembles 11-12 Mark A. LaMaster Sara Elizabeth Langen: Student Govt. 9-12 (Vice Pres. 12): NH5 11-12; Ensembles 10-12; Homecoming Queen 12; Drama 9-11; Track 9-11; Cross Country 9-11 Scott Larson













their style

Injury-stricken seniors find that crutches CRAMP THEIR STYLE

While someone's dropped books clutter the floor, a crutch-bearing student tries to dodge them. Seniors learned the many inconveniences of dealing with "clutziness," whether their own or somebody else's.

Minor car crashes accounted for the majority of students' accidents, as they victimized poles, parked cars and other

objects. "I had gotten in a lot of accidents, but they were all small fender benders." Monica Rastogi said. "I was just fortunate that no one had ever

been hurt."

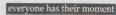
clumsy tendencies resulted in bodily harm. "I had many sports-re-

lated injuries which were justifiable, but slamming fingers in car doors and sliding on ice into thorn bushes were both due to my lack of coordination," Julie Byrne said

On bad days, some seniors could not hold on to anything, whether they let a can fall from their hand, knocked a book off of their desk or watched in horror as their back pack spilled open, causing all their belongings to tumble to the ground. "Some mornings, I woke up and knew that everything was going to go wrong, " Mike Rawlings said. "If I had a bad night's sleep, I could hardly make breakfast without dropping all of the ingredients."

While most students tried to avoid accidents, others put themselves in situations where injuries seemed inevitable. "I was the type of person who never listened to warnings," Bob Bogucki said. "I would put my hand on a hot pan and then do it again just to make sure it was hot."

All signs of clumsiness, bumps, bruises, drops and dents created problems for accident-prone people and those around them.



"I've only been in five accidents and through two cars. That's not too bad."

Pete Choros

in the spotlight



lean on me

Before the Holiday Choral Concert, Julie Kirsch, senior, waits for Tiffany Silgalis, senior, to assist her in taking props out of a bag. Students helped each other out when

AKING a hoopla

While class clowns spin up laughs they lighten the atmosphere by MAKING A HOOPLA

While sitting in class, interruptions happened frequently. Some came as amusements while others made teeth grind. Most often, these disruptions came from class clowns.

Although class clowns couldn't always get a laugh out of everyone, enough satisfaction came from amusing just one or two people. "It

might sound selfish, but so metimes I could carelessifI was getting someone mad," Kevin Kolb said. "The main thing was to get the majority of the people to laugh."

Instead of a

in the spotlight

Kristan Hatton

everyone has their moment

"Do you think she knows

it's me that put that pickle

in her purse?"

whoopie cushions or throwing paper airplanes, some dug deep to amuse others. "One time I ran down the hall

twist and shout

Taking a break from practices, Erin Fech and Steve Krol hoola-hoop after school with the spirit hoop. Class clowns entertained themselves during school with silly pranks and practical jokes.

with my arms spread like an airplane, screaming," Ryan Christy said. "Everybody just got out of my way and gave me weird looks."

To others, jokes just came naturally. "I say stupid things and people laugh at me, but I don't mean to be funny," Kristin Krupinski said.

Class clowns had their own role in class and worked hard to play it to perfection. "They relieved some of the tension and made the class go by faster," Mike Mendoza said.

Sometimes amusement came from the least expected. "I really don't try too hard, but what makes them laugh is my own laugh," Lisa Hernandez said. "It's kind of loud and obnoxious."

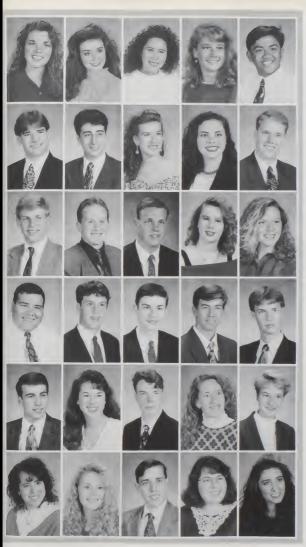
Whether their pranks consisted of putting chalk in erasers or acting like themselves, class clowns strove to deliver diversity to the doldroms of the normal day.

keep on rolling

Roller-blading during passing periods, Adena Altschul shows off her spirit on Crazy Footwear Day. Due to safety regulations, she was sent home after Advisory to change into something more suitable.







D. Nicole Lee: Swimming 9-12: Spanish Club 12: Band 9-12

Nicole Llewellyn

NICOLE LEWEITYN
Samantha Long
Meg Ann Luksich: Diving 9; French Club 9-10;
Track 9-10; Speech/Debate 10-12(Council 12);
NFL 10-12; Ensembles 11-12; Paragon 12
Lawrence Matthew Luna: Football 9-12; Track

Michael Jason Macik: Spanish Club 9-11; German Club 10-11; SADD 10-11; Golf 9; DECA 11-12(District Vice Pres. 11; District Robert J. Marchese: JA 9-11; DECA 10 Elizabeth Marinos: Ensembles 10-12

Maribeth Joan Mask: swimming 9-11; Drama 9-12 (Vice Pres. 12), Thespian 11-12; Crier 11-12 (Design Ed. 12); Quill and Scroll 12: Speech/Debate 9-11 (Sec. 11), NHS 11-12 (Vice Pres. 12); French Club 9-12; National Merit Finalist; Beschabeth J. Tas. 12:

Basketball 9, Tap 12 Todd Milan Matuska: Drama 9-12, Ensembles 10-12; SADD 9-12, STAND 12 Tennis 12, Video Club 12; Tap 12; Thespians 11-12, French Club 9-11; Musical 10-12

Chris Maurer: Baseball 9; Diving 9; Drama 12; Carlos Mauter, Joseph 12; John 9; John 12; Tap 12; Basketball 11-12; Football 9 Michael David Mayer: Jennis 11; School Improvement Team 10-12; NH5 11-12; German Club 10-12; Student Govt. 9 Ryan M. McCormick: Football 9 12(Capt. 12);

Basketball 11-12 Kerri Shannon McGinty Jessica P. McHie: Letterwoman 10-12; NHS 11-12 Speech/Debate 9; NFI 9; Crier 11; French Club 9; Quill and Scroll 11-12, Track 9-12, Swimming 9-12 MTO 9-12

Michael Mendoza:Football 9-12; Baseball 9-12; DECA 11-12 Matthew T. Mertz: Football 9-12; Basketball 9;

Patrick L. Mesterharm: Speech/Debate 9-12(Historian 11); NFL 9-12; Drama 9-

12th istornan 11), NFL 9-12; Drama 9-12; Thespian 10-12; Student Gowt. 10; CEC 11-12 (Sec. 11, Vice Pres. 12); NHS 11-12; French Club 9-12, Tap 12, National Merit Commended Student: Principal's Award for Excellence 11 jeff Mikus Swimming 9-12; 19ff Mikus Swimming 9-12; 19ff Mikus Scotball 9, Basketball 9, Golf 9-12; Ensembles 10-12

Philip Mlynarski: Swimming 9-12; German Club 9-12; NHS 11-12; Band 9-12; Jazz Band 11 12; ACC 11-12; Heather Elizabeth Molnar: Poms 10-12 (Capt

Healmer Elizabeth Moinar Forms 10-12 (Spanish Club 9-12; NFS 11-12 Ortnestra 9-12; Spanish Club 9-12; Drama 9-10; Project X 11-12 Douglas Moore.ACC 11-12; Project X 11-12 (Vice Pres. 12); French Club 9-11 (Treas. 11); Aquarium 11-12 (Vice Pres. 12); Drama 10-12; NFL 10-11; NFS 10-112 (Vice Pres. 12); Drama 10-12; NFL 10-11; NFS 10-112; MFS 10-13; NFS 10-14; NFS

Rebecca Marie Moore: Volleyball 9-12 Basketball 9-12; Softball 9-12; Art 11-12; NHS 11-12; Letterwoman 10-12

Amy Denise Mucha: Speech/Debate 9-12(Council 11-12); NFL 9-12; Crier 11-12 (Insight Ed. 12); NHS 11-12

Valeri Marie Nairn: Poms 9-12 (Capt. 12) Joshua Nelson: Track 9-12; Cross Country 10-11; SADD 12; Paragon 12 Tina Beth Niksch: Spanish Club 9-10; Project X 11; SADD 9-12 (Sec.11-12): IA 10.12 (Vice Pres. of Human Resource 12)

Daphne Marie Noel: Softball 9-12; French Club

NXIETY HITS college bound

As seniors battle their way through the mounds of stress, they try to avoid the major

ANXIETY HITS

As the year progressed, seniors' stress levels rocketed as they tried to relieve their tensions in a variety of ways ranging from isolating themselves to resorting to childish antics.

With many college bound seniors, applications served as a major part of

their lives. "I didn't have time to write and finish my college applications, so during any and every break in my schedule, I finished them,'

As finals drew closer, seniors felt increased pressure. "I had so many finals and it was so stressful because some colleges were waiting for semester grades to decide on acceptance," Melissa Vrabel said.

Even though the stress seemed endless, seniors tried to deal with it in their own unique way. "I liked to sew; it kept my concentration on what I was working on instead of my stress," Heather Barton said.

To relieve tension, students sometimes resorted to childish ways to release their energy. "I played video games until my brain was totally relaxed and vegged out," Scott

Poludniak said. "It made me feel like a kid again."

Other seniors tried to find a more relaxing way to handle their everyday ups and downs. "When I got stressed out, I would just go sit in a quiet room and try to calm myself down," Mike Mohr said. "I closed my eves and just relaxed."

From taking bubble baths to head banging in their bedrooms, seniors finally found unique ways to take their minds off their troubles.

the write stuff

Filling out college applications Melissa Vrabel to get grip on their futures

everyone has their moment

"I can't even finish this book...it's like, my life is a soap opera, so why woud I want to read one?"

Wendy Wilke

in the spotlight

Christopher Nowakowski Eric Anthony Olton: Basketball 10-12 Christopher Orth Lisa M. O'Shea

Mara Danielle Pacyga: Poms 9-1 (Capt. 11) Drama 9-12; Thespian 11-12; NHS 11-12, Spanish Club 9-12; Project X 12 (Sec. 12), nsembles 10-12

Eugene Paik: Football 9-10; Track 11-12; German Club 9-12 (Vice Pres. 12); Ensembles

Minesh Parikh

Min Sik Park: Tennis 9-12 (Capt. 12); All Conference 11-12; Academic All State 12; German Club 9-12 (Treas. 11, Pres. 12); Ensembles 10-11; National Merit Semifinalist

Ajit Patil: Astronomy 11 Sanjay Daman Paul: Art 11; Crier 11-12; Spanish Club 9-12; German Club 9-11; Project Spanish Club 9-12; German Club 9-11 X 12; STAND 12; SADD 10-12; Drama 9-11

Brian John Paz: Ensembles 10-12; German Club 10 Dan Peck Rachelle Rae Pestikas: Softball 9-10; Basketball 9-12 (Capt. 12) Michael Pierre Scott Poludniak: Spanish Club 9; Golf 9-12







Dottie Pomroy Speech/Debate 10; Spanish Club 9-10; Project X 10-12; STAND 12; ACC 11-12; NHS 11-12; Crier 11 Saveta Popuvich

Saveta Popovich Kim Poppe Brian Prisby: Golf 9-10; Basketball 9-11 Amanda Quasney: Speech/Debate 9-12, NFL 9-12: Spanish Club 9-10; German Club 9-11; SADD 9-11

Jennifer Joy Ramanna: Cross Country 9-12 (Capt. 11-12); Track 9-10,12; Student Govt. 9-11; CEC 12; NHS 11-12; French Club 9-11; Paragon

CEC 12, NHS 11-12, French Club 9-11; Paragor 11-12 (Copp Ed. 11-12); Corp Ed. 11-12 (Copp Ed. 11-12); Corp Ed. 11-12 (Corp Ed. 11-12); Corp Ed. 12-12; Corp Ed. 12-13; Corp Ed. 12-14; Corp Ed

Sara Elizabeth Rodenburg: Swimming 9-12(Capt. 12): Ensembles 10-12, MTD 10 Kellen Ann Rogan: Cheerleading 9-12 Capt. Kellen Ann Rogan: Cheerleading 9-12 Capt. Homecoming Frinces 9, Domas 9-12, Missical 9-12: Thespart 11-22, Ensembles 10-12; SADD 9-9-10; Spanish Club 9-10; Project X 11-12; Tapt 12-Usyses Rosaless Spanish Club 9-12; Officer 12): French Club 9-10; NFS 11-12; Orchestra 9-12, A 10

Brian D. Rosenthal: Golf 9-10; Ensembles 12 Heather E. Rutz: Volleyball 9-12 (Manager 12); Softball 9; Spanish Club 10

TEPPING into money

As seniors show off their skills in unusual jobs, they jump into the "real" world **STEPPING INTO MONEY**

With a tightening budget and a failing economy, seniors searched for work in every corner of the labor world. From drafting to slipping on a duck costume, seniors sought the job that stood out from the rest.

Self-rewarding jobs helped seniors get through the average workday. "When I got dressed up as a clown and put on a happy face. I could see all the excited faces of the kids.' Christine Dombrowski said. "It made me feel

really good to see little kids happy."

Searching for excitement and fun, employees tried jobs that they would probably never consider under normal conditions. "I dressed up like a duck and delivered singing telegrams for peoples' birthdays," Sal Karottki said. "If going to

Lena Aarstad in the spotlight

college and being a success doesn't work out.

I could always try telegraphic entertainment, but I doubt I could make a gigantic career out of that."

Money wants and needs came into play for teens as they had to choose work over extra free time. "I drafted at my dad's company, but my real motivation was to earn spending money, not to prepare for any future career in drafting," Matt Millies said. "I enjoyed working with the other people, but the money definitely helped."

After a long day of painting faces and helping customers, seniors welcomed the chance to go home and relax. Whether for money of just plain fun, seniors worked towards their futures as they entered the "real" working world.

put your left foot in...

While showing first graders a new Israeli dance, Lisa Saks demonstrates the next step. Every Sunday morning, Lisa dedicated an hour as an Israeli dance teacher at Congregation Beth Israel in Hammond to earn extra



everyone has their moment

"For money to come to

America, I drove a boat

around the ocean selling

newspapers and bread."



















Lisa Jennifer Saks: Speech/Debate 9-12, German Club 9-12; NHS 11-12; Project X 10-12; SADD 9-11, Ensembles 10-12; Drama 10-11, Astronomy 11-12 (Treas. 12) Anthony Santucci

John Sarnecki

Kimberly Marie Schmitz: Volleyball 9-12 (Capt. 12); French Club 9;11-12; NTIS 11-12 Amanda M, Schock: Ensembles 10-12; Spanish Club 9-11; Project X 9-10; Golf 9-10 Heena K, Shah: Softball 10; JA 10-11; SADD 11; Academic Competition 11-12 (Treas. 12); NHS 11-12

Jefferey Alan Sheets: Football 9-12; Wrestling 9-12 (Capt. 11-12) Baseball 9; Student Govt 9-10; CEC 11; French Club 9 Alan Shutko: Speech Debate 9-12, Academia Competition 11-12; NHS 11-12; German Club 10-11; Aquarium 10-11 Thomas G. Sideris

Triffany Sigalis: Golf 10-12; Fnsembles 10-12; SADD 11; German Club 11-12 Paul J. Siska: Football 9-12

Biljana Skoric: Track 9-10; French Club 10-12; Cadet Teaching 11

Shaun Smith Shawna J. Smith: German Club 9-11, SADD 11-12 (Vice Pres. 12); DECA 11-12 (Sec. 12), JA 10 Craig R. Smolen Rebecca B. Smutzer: Spanish Club 9-11; SADD 9-10; German Club 11-12

Patrick Song: Ensembles 10-12 Gina A. Spalding: Softball 9-12; 5ADD 11; Spanish Club 11

Bradley Joseph Sparber: CEC 9-11; Ensembles 11-12; NHS 11-12 Michael J. Spence: Band 9-10; JA 11; Spanish Club 12; Drama 12; Speech/Debate 12; Track 12; Jason Starzak

Michael Stennis: Swimming 9-12 Michael D. Stewart: Football 11-12 (Capt. 12);

Ryan M. Stejkovich: Band 9-12; Football 9-10, Wrestling 9; French Club 9, School Improve ment Team 10-11

Melissa Ann Strut: Orchestra 9-12, Spanlsh Club 9-12; Drama 10-11; NHS 11-12; Project X 10-12, JA 10-11 Eric Stugis Craig Szasz
Jennifer Margaret Szymczak
Jamal Abdul Naser Tarakey: Football 9
Brian E. Thevenin: Swimming 9-10

Sharon Denise Trovinger: Paragon 11-12 (Assoc. Ed. 12); Quill and Scroll 12 (Sec. 12) Margaret B. Ulinski: Volleyball 9; Track 9-11; Rick W. Urban: Swimming 9-12 Michele Denise Uzubell: Spanish Club 9; Aquarium 11; DECA 11-12; SADD 9

Kimberly A. Vargo: Crier 11 (Ads. Manager 11); Swimming 9; Spanish Club 9-10 (Historian 10); Speech/Debate 10; Principal's Award for Excellence 10; NFL 10 Melissa Ashley Vrabel: Volleyball 9, Cheerleading 10; Cross Country 11; Track 9-12

(Capt. 10-12); French Club 10-12.

N TOP of the game

While trying to fulfill their ambitions, seniors reach above and beyond the rest to stay ON TOP OF THE GAME

In pursuit of perfection, many seniors dedicated hours, days and years of hard work in order to achieve their personal goals.

While striving to attain their ambitions, many talented students captured the glory that accompanied their accomplishments.

Athletes struggled to gain recognition which involved extended hours of practice and strenuous work schedules. "Anything I did took a lot of work," Sean Hayes, var-

sity baseball player said. "Baseball was difficult because I needed the

right skills and a

lot of patience." Seniors quick-Iv learned that perfection rarely

Jim Brennan

happened overnight. "I devoted a lot of my time and energy to skating; I went to the Olympic Training Center for eight summers," Wendy Wilke said. "My mom also spent a lot of time encouraging me and watching me ice skate."

Planning for the future provided students with extra incentives to work towards. "I had always wanted to participate in the Ice Capades or Walt Disney on Ice," Wendy said. "Ever since I was little, skating for a huge audience had been my dream."

While trying to achieve the ultimate sound, many band and orchestra members spent hours before and after school learning various new musical pieces. "It was wonderful to hear yourself play and know that what you did sounded good," Julie Byrne, first chair cello player, said. "I was a five-time member of the Northwest Indiana Youth Orchestra, for which I performed in many honorary concerts and auditions. It is very rewarding to see that all your hard work had paid off."

In attempt to gain recognition as all-star athletes, competitors worked on increasing their speed and technique to dominate opponents. "I believed that there was always someone who was better than me," Sean said. "I had to constantly work on my mental attitude and preparation."

Mental and physical conditioning during the season to avoid injuries proved helpful to some athletes as they realized other team members depended on their performance. "I felt bad that I could not run in the relays and help my teammates out," Melissa Vrabel said. "Since I was hurt my junior year it put more pressure on me to perform better."

Whether practicing a tennis serve or performing in front of thousands, many talented seniors enjoyed putting in the extra hours before and after school to fulfill their dreams and ambitions.

Rachel Lynn Wachowiak Bradley Wadle: Speech/Debate 9-12; Drama 11-12 (Sec. 12); STAND 12 (Steering Committee 12); NHS 11-12; Astronomy 11-12 (Treas. 11-12); Aquarium 12; German Club 9; School Improvement Team 10-12; Academic Colleen Dawn Ward: Poms 9-10: French Club

everyone has their moment

"Is it good if you tell your

in the spotlight

laughs?"

counselor you want to be a

stand-up comedian and she

11-12; DECA 12 James Ryan Ward: Student Govt. 9; CEC 10-12; Drama 10-12; Thespian 10-12; Musical 10-12; Ensembles 11-12; Tap 12 Jennifer S. Warda: Spanish Club 9-10; Project X

Doni Watson: Art 11-12; Drama 11-12; SADD 9; German Club 9; Aquarium 11-12 N. Todd Weaver: Football 9; Soccer 10-12; Band 9-12; NHS 11-12 Karin M. Weidenfeller: Golf 9-12(Capt. 10-11) Robert Lee Wells: Football 9: Track 12

Band 10-12; Art 10; Orchestra 12; Musical 12 Concert Band 9-12





tip-toed

During her before-school practice, Wendy Wilke, senior, works on her finesse for an upcoming skating routine. Whether preparing for the Ice Capades or dancing in the Nutcracker, Wendy put in extra effort to achieve her ambitions.

state bound

At a morning practice, Mike Stennis, senior, tries to cut his time for the upcoming sectional meet. Extra hours spent lifting weights and conditioning provided swimmers with an edge above the rest.





Douglas P. White: Band 9-11; Wrestling 10-11;

Letterman 11 Christy M. Wiatrowski: Poms 9-12; Drama 9-10-French Club 10: Spanish Club 9-10 Wendy Wilke: Drama 9-12; Drom 9: Art 12: Ensembles 10-12; Homecoming Princess 11-12; Ensembles 10-12; Homecoming Princess 11-12; Missical 9-11; Tag 27; Thespian 12: Sec 11: 12: Speech (Poblate 9-11; Astronomy 9-12; Sec 11: 12); Speech (Poblate 9-11; Astronomy 9-12; Sec 11: 12); NHS 11-12; Academic Competition 10-12; Drama 12: National Merit Semifinalist 11 Matthew David Wilkiamp; Foodball 9-11; German Club 9-12; Baseball 9-10; NHS 11-12; Gertlan Club 9-12; Baseball 9-10; NHS 11-12;

Lynn Marie Wujek: Golf 9-10; SADD 10; Spanish Club 9-11

Dynn Marke Wight. Coll. 1907; SLD 1917. Mirand Jop Danielle Zamboc Cheerleading. 9-10,12; CEC 9-10,12 (Pres. 12); Student Govt. 1, Aquarium 12, Austronomy 11-12, Denna 9-12, Musacia 9-12, Thespian 11-12, Eusembles 12, Musacia 9-12, Thespian 11-12, Eusembles 20, 2007; Sld 1918. Sld 1918

Gus Adamopoulos David Adams Jessica Adams Alfredo Alcala Sarah Ambos Kristi Amdahl Laura Andreshak Vivian Antoniadis

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Steven Bale Sujata Barai Robert Barber Thomas Barber Edward Bareng Melvin Bareng Susanne Baretz Jennifer Begonia

Jennifer Bieszczat Karl Bilimoria Jamie Błock Tim Bognar Chad Bohling Tom Boilek Brent Bonnar Maytee Boonyapredee

Gina Bovara Kate Boyle Susanne Boyle Jeremie Brackett Barbara Brennan Heather Briski Amanda Brown Laura Budzik

Amy Buikema Anthony Burrell Charissa Byczko Alison Byrne Roque Cabagnot Bradley Caddick Brigette Campbell Renee Carlson

Beth Chansler Sea Chen John Cleave CJ Compton Keith Conklin Jack Conley Ralph Connor

Michelle Costa Jennifer Coyle Michelle Crepeau Daria Cullen Jennifer Cushing Amy Czapla Amy Damjanovich Anthony Darrington

Angela Darrow Ronald Davidson Jody Davis Kevin Davis Troy Dellorto David Depa Cosmin Dobrescu Raymond Doerner















Christopher Dorka



Alexandra Gasich

expectations



loud and clear

During Advisory period, Steve Holka and Grady Willis present their platform for Stu-dent Body President and Vice-President. Advisory period allowed the five sets of candi-dates to have open forums.

From cramming for a US History test to practicing long hours for a tennis match, competitive juniors go extra lengths to fulfill their GRADE EXPECTATIONS

Realizing the strain of the year, juniors discovered that the thrill of competition-whether academic or athletic-constituted a major part of their lives.

With competition so strong, students compared themselves to classmates and concentrated on their own grades and standings in class. "Sometimes it seemed like people were more concerned with their classmates' grades than their own," Chrisi Mead said.

Taking on the task of running for Student Body President, the competition intensified to the level of Bush and Clinton. "We were all good candidates and friends and we all had good ideas," Grady Willis said. "The thing was we all wanted it so badly and it became too cut throat."

For those to whom competition seemed second nature, the Academic Competition Team (ACC) provided an outlet for academic aggression as well as showing off their competitiveness. "ACC gives us a chance to

show off the academic muscle of our class," Cosmin Dobrescu said.

To get ahead of the rest, some juniors took the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) prep course, offered before and after school, "I really wanted and needed to do well on the tests so I could get into the school I wanted to

go to," Natalie Yuraitis said. "Plus my parents made me take the class."

Not only in academics, but also in athletics did rivalry shine through. "I hated to lose in any sports I par-

ticipated in, so I put everything I had into what sports I played," Matt Mybeck said

From coloring in dots on the SAT's to writing term papers for English, students used competitive qualities to stay ahead.

everyone has their moment

"I can squish any of my opponents. Let them try. but I will conquer."

Joe Roman

Galyn Gasparovic

Sandi Gricus Phillip Hajduk Amy Hansen

Joleen Hedmar Robert Hendrickson Eugenia Ho

Michael Hough Tracey Houser Michael Howe



Extending beyond the ordinary, talented juniors polish their individual skills, ranging from singing to acting, leading to FAME AND FORTUNE

Soaring above the rest, talented juniors showed their diversity in a number of different ways. Whether artistic or athletic, juniors polished their individual talents.

For some, talent developed simply out of regular participation activities that they enjoyed the most. "For the past three years, I acted in summer

> tions at St. Thomas More Church," Tim Bognar said. "I liked to be the subject of some-

tainment."

play produc-

one else's enter-While many

worked on their talents for years. some juniors stumbled upon unusual opportunities in extra-ordinary places. "After the State ensemble competition, Maria Sakoutis, Beth Chansler, Ruth Pursel and I went to River Oaks and were spotted singing in the parking lot," Voula Antoniadis said. "The man who heard us liked our voices, and we're preparing to produce a recording this summer."

Participating in various sports led some athletes down the road towards special talents. "I tried out for the Team USA hockey team in Toledo, Ohio," Todd Stalmack said. "The competition was great and hopefully, I will play a lot more in the future."

Extracurricular activities also pro-

vided opportunities for talents to blossom. "I had gone to Speech State for the past three years and qualified for Nationals," Sujata Barai said. "When I was looking for extracurriculars to join, I never realized how far I could get.'

As the normal day concluded, teens used every extra moment for perfecting their various talents. Standing above the rest, talented juniors moved on as the not-so-average high school student.

sit and spin

After picking and choosing vowels with Pat Sajak and Vanna White, Katy Iglar took home a grand prize of \$1,050 from Wheel of Fortune's Teen Week in Burbank, CA.

everyone has their moment

"I am talented at everything I do."

Mary Petrovich

in the spotlight



Katy Iglar Amy Jabaay Kathleen Jabaay Jason Jadernak Michael Jez Kristin Johnson Kumberly Johnston Christine Justak

Michelle Kaim Kevin Kaiser Stephen Kaiser Elizabeth Kaplanis Helen Karalis Rebecca Keith Kristin Kelly Thomas Keslin

John Kim Eric Kime Jennifer King Steve Kirincic Jason Klaich Julie Kollasch Kyle Kozubal Cheryl Kras

Lisa Krieger Stephen Kroczek Andrew Kulas Christina Kunelis Harry Kinelis Ryan Kutansky Frances Legaspi Erica Lesniak





James LeVan Gabrielle Lewis Timothy Liming Robert Long Carolyn Lukas Catherine Lukas Ronald Magliola Peter Mangus

Rebecca Manous Debra Manuszak Dominic Marco Rebecca Marshall Scott Matucha Steven Mayer Arthur Mayes Jason McEwen

Christina Mead Amy Metz Mark Meyers Douglas Miller Eric Miller Gaston Moore Bethany Mortiz Angela Mullins

Jaime Muskin Aber Musleh Matthew Mybeck Steven Nairn Natalee Newsom Candace Noel Jeffrey Nosich Kris Nowak



for thought

From slurping down water to jogging a mile every day, healthy juniors make decisions to give them FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Crash diets, vegetarians and obsessive exercisers. These constituted the various methods students used to keep in shape when concerned with staying healthy.

Eating healthy required proper choice of food. Between candy and pop machines to cookies and sidedishes at lunch, students struggled to control what they ate." I tried to stay physically away from food," Lisa Krieger said. "If I was bored and in the kitchen, I would eat.

so I tried to leave the room."

Vegetarians avoided McDonald's
hamburgers and turned to Sizzler's

an apple a day

Trying to find a healthy snack, Matt Mybeck browses at Walgreens. Students turned to nu-

salad bar for a healthy meal. "After hearing everything they put in meat and what they do to the animals, I was grossed out and just stopped eating it," Kristin Kelly said. "Then I decided that it was better for me."

Eating foods from the four basic groups provided an easy and nutritious way to choose foods. "I liked to eat rice cakes, fruits and vegetables, and drink lots of water," Kate Boyle said. "They said that water helps your body with everything."

Although some students followed the newest diet fads, others stayed with their own normal eating habits. "Everyday those experts contradicted what they said, so I just didn't bother and ate what I wanted," Dawn Bainbridge said. Along with eating healthy, students exercised to keep in shape. "I ate good food and lifted weights," Troy Smith said. "It made me feel better, and helped in sports."

Between the weight room and open gym, students used every opportunity to exercise. "I worked out, ran and took weightraining to turn everything into muscle and stay solid and firm."

Bob Gonzales

In the fight to stay healthy, students made an effort to watch their actions to remain physically fit.

everyone has their moment

"I let negative energy out in my dreams. It keeps me mentally healthy."

Jack Conley

in the spotlight

tritious food as an alternative when snacking. Dawn Bainbridge said. cally lit.

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Melinda Robbins Melissa Robbins Radley Robinson Joseph Roman Peter Ronco Brian Ross Arlene Rossin Mark Rudy

the limit

Artistic students utilize every spare moment creating their paintings and drawings, imagining the perfect scene and realizing that the SKY'S THE LIMIT

While searching for the ultimate challenge, creative juniors used their artistic techniques to enhance their skillful creations.

Continuous work and effort made an art project worth its' value. "In order for me to finish a drawing, it had to be perfect," Brian Ross said. "I had to feel like I achieved whatever

> look or style I was trying to accomplish."

Artists spent days, weeks and even months finishing sketches and oil paintings. "Everyday after school was spent finishing a landscape painting for my boy-friend," Shawna Fox said.

Whether students found art interesting or grew up loving to draw, creative images never left their minds. "I think I knew how to draw before I could write," Holly Senchak said. "It was easier to express myself through drawing rather than words."

Obtaining high goals and aspirations required time and hard work for even the most creative and artistic students. "When I first started drawing I wanted to be better than my dad," Jamie Block said. "Then I took art classes and I wanted to be better than my teacher."

Making images come to life helped inspire students to strive for perfection. "I had to develop my own unique style and then everything fits into place," Brian said. "I knew my art work was good when it looked and felt special."

Sometimes special projects motivated students to create their best drawings, hopeful that they proved beneficial and worthwhile. "When I could help raise money for a sick girl by doing something I liked, it was neat," Jamie said.

Creativity helped students reach new worlds where they could explore their imaginations and talents.

picture perfect

While seeking the ideal subject, Roque Cabagnot takes advantage of the warm weather to capture the sunlight for his landscape in Drawing and Painting class. Creative students searched for new perspectives in order to bring their artwork to lite.

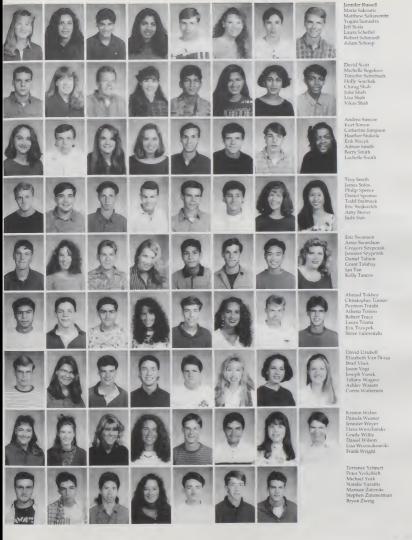


everyone has their moment

"I draw a mean stick figure."

Dan Wilson

in the spotlight



of operations

From alphabetizing discs to color-coding socks, sophomore neat freaks have everything running smoothly with an ORDER OF OPERATIONS

Whether continuous or intermittently straightening up rooms or lockers, sophomores realized that neatness could seem an everlasting disease.

Sophomores discovered that their bedrooms and personal belongings became touchy subjects with family when it came to neatness. "I hated it when I came home and I could tell that someone

everyone has their moment "I like having organization,

but my brother always comes in and messes everything up." Paul Nelson

in the spotlight

had been in my room, because some of my stuff was messed up," Jeff Duma-kowski said. "The thing is, only I could tell."

Sophomores' obsessions with cleaniness did not stop with just their bedrooms; it continued to organized closets and spotless bathrooms. "In my closet, I have all of my jeans separate from my shirts and sweaters," Heidi May said. "I hate having

everything all mixed up. While some anal retentive students demanded dust-free dressers, other teenagers did not mind sloppy drawers and disheveled lockers. "Nothing of mine is ever organized, and I really don't care," Tim Gordon said.

Students needed organization to carry over to schoolwork in hopes of keeping their thoughts straight. "I hated it when my chemistry notebook is messed up," Kristin Fisher said. "It was hard enough to understand the work any way without it being really messy.'

Through projects and papers, students realized that their habits followed them everywhere. "When I do my art work, I can't stand having little marks on the page; it makes it look really bad," Dan Branch said.

Sophmores with this so called neat "disease" used it to their advantage to find that it could evolve into a good habit if practiced carefully.

pick n' shoes

While color coordinating over 30 pairs of shoes from brown sandals to white flats, Angle Lalich tries to find room for a new pair of bucs. Sophomore near freaks constantly straightened and organized their prized possessions as they searched for a way to get everything polished and perfect.





left out ES

From bumping elbows at the dinner table to sitting in right handed desks, left-handed sophomores tackle many obstacles which have them feeling

LEFT OUT

From tolerating torment from friends to various writing difficulties, left-handed sophomores experienced the drawbacks of living in a mostly right-handed world.

With elbows knocking and poking

the student seated next to them, lefties uncovered the hardships of what started out as a simple lunch with friends in the Food Court. "People would get pretty annoyed when they ate lunch next to me," Steve Bonnar said. "I could

Leslie Thomas

in the spotlight

everyone has their moment

"Everyone tells me that being

left handed is a handicap, but

I can write backwards faster

then anyone I know."

not help it that my elbow poked the person next to me, I was just born that way."

What many considered simple tasks evolved into tough obstacles as south-pawed sophomores battled

smudged notebook pages and illegible stacks of homework. "My hand always smeared whatever I wrote down, no matter how carefully I would try to be," Brian Wachowiak add. "It got a little frustrating when teachers constantly complained about the way my papers looked."

In an attempt to help out lefthanded people, different products, like scissors and notebooks with spirals on the opposite side, eased lefties' troubles by making life a little easier. "My mom always bought lefthanded scissors for me when I was in grade school," Sara Blacke said. "They helped out since I almost flunked cutting in kindergarten when I had to use regular scissors." Among the many struggles of left-handedness, some advantages surfaced for the so-called "lefties." "People believed you were more creative if you were left-handed," ManDee Adams said. "That was pretty good because I drew and I was very artistic, so maybe being left-handed was not all that bad."

Hoping to conquer all of the everyday dilemmas, left-handed sophomores took their dexterity in stride. In the whole scheme of things, a few smeared homework assignments and a couple bruised elbows from constant bumping did not seem all that bad.

caught left handed

Trying not to smudge his paper, Rodney Blanco encounters a typical left-handed problem. Simple tasks turned impossible as lefties battled awkward writing positions and uncomfortable seating arrangements.

Natasha Gasich Benjamin Girnus Brian Glassco Nicole Gonzales Timothy Gordon Mark Grabski Shivraj Grewal

Crystal Gutierrez James Hajduk Shannon Hamel Kelly Heaney Mark Hinshaw Lynn Hirsch Dennis Hoogeveen Amanda Horvath

Denice Hough Donna Hough Erin Houser Joseph Hroch Timothy Hunt Julie Jacob Christopher Jagadich Jessica Joens















































Daniel Kim Sunah Kim Melanie King Jeffrey Kobe Minna Koh Ryan Korthauer Georgette Kouros Garrett Kozlowski

Dara Kraay Nathan Kras Elizabeth Krol Ryohei Kumamoto Shaun Kusiak John LaHa















Angelina Lalich Katherine Larse: Nora Lasbury Angela Lee Jennifer Lemon Vicky Levan Abby Levin Davin Loh

Kristine Loprich Corey Lucas Lauren Lumbrazo Tina Mancari Angela Mandel John Mangus Carrie Manion Christopher Marsh

Natalie Martich Gregory Maurer Bethany Mavronicles Heidi May Holli McCormick Lisa McCormick Kathleen McCullough John Melby

Richard Mendoza Jason Mikolanis Joy Miller Owen Moore Sean Morrison Jaqueline Morrow Sean Morrow Kellie Myers



over the rest

As students strive for perfection, individual goals and championship performances give talented individuals an EDGE OVER THE REST

While motivating themselves to perfection, sophomores spent calculated hours working on upcoming routines and performances.

Although practice did not always make perfect, some students endured hours of perseverance to achieve their goals and aspirations in their special talents. "I just tried to

play the violin the best I could," Kawin Boonyapredee said. "There was nothing more I could do than work my hard-

est and hope it

paid off."

Jackie Nebelsiek

in the spotlight

everyone has their moment

"People think sports are all

don't realize that it's really

fun and games, but they

Looking ahead to the future gave teens overwhelming enthusiasm and a desire to finish on top of the competition. "I always wanted to play for the White Sox," Rich Mendoza said. "If that does not work, I guess I'll settle for the Bulls."

Strenuous schedules and intense practices helped some students gain the experience and technique needed to pull ahead of the rest. "Although I loved softball, my parents had to make me practice pitching everyday." Shannon Hamel said. "I had to think about upcoming game situations so I didn't make any stupid mistakes."

Releasing emotions through music and dance allowed some students

a chance to relieve their stress and focus on concerts and performances "Music was a way for me to express my feelings," BJ Palmer said. "It seemed like the more music Histened to, the more I appreciated it."

Some students tried to get a good workout while learning new tricks and talents as they enhanced their ability to express themselves. "Itried to push myself in gymnastics and cheerleading." Sara Weaver said "They were a combination of lyrical expression and enthusiasm."

Whether participating in extracurricular activities or just havingfun with their hobbies, teens advanced to high levels of achievemenand excelled in their special talents.

hard work."

























Timothy Piniak Sunil Pinnamaneni Slobodan Popovich Milosh Pujo Jennifer Puntillo Heather Puterko















Douglas Rathert Todd Reppen Enc Ribble





final adjustment

While preparing for opening night, Doug Wadle helps Jessica Schoen set up the finishing props on her scene for the fall play. Some sophomores used their time in the spotlight to reveal their special talents and gain recognition as inspiring actors and actresses.

break on through

Driving to the hoop, Milosh Pujo takes advan-tage of his height as he scores two points off of TF South in the pursuit of victory. Milosh powered his way to the top and gained all-star recognition as Athlete of the Week

Jennifer Ross Steven Rossi Brian Rucinski Stephanie Rudd Dennis Ruhl Timothy Rutz Bo Ryband George Saliga

Bobby Samardzic Mark Sampias Claudia Sandoval Elliot Santner Carolyn Sarnecki Jamie Schatz Rachel Schimming Jessica Schoen

Charles Schultz Jill Semko Parshv Shah Jaci Shepp Sean Shideler Robert Shimko Jarrod Simonetto Katherine Sindall

Richard Sirois Juan Situ Ying Situ Edgar Sivata Jeffery Skaggs Candice Smith Kimberly Smith Shelly Smith

Stacy Smith Jeremy Smolen Christina Smundin Timothy Spomar Allison Stalmack Kathryn Stassen Jason Steinhauer Joseph Sus

Joshua Taber Keith Thomas Leslie Thomas Khalil Tokhey Michelle Torreano Jason Ugent Karen Uher Micah Urban

Nadia Urzua Brian Van Bokkelen Jessica Van Deraa Joshua Van Vessen Ross Vanator Howard Vaughn Uma Vohra Marika Voukidis

Douglas Wadle Carrie Wadycki Melissa Walsh Sara Weaver Joseph Weber Jennifer White James Whiteley Christopher Wilhite

Donald Williams Nikki Witham Anthony Wojciechowski Chris Wojtowich Meghan Woodrick Rebecca Yarchan Samer Zabaneh Michael Zubay



the elements

Bundling up or shedding clothes as they wander from North hall to South hall, students survive scorching and frigid temperatures as they BRAVE THE ELEMENTS

With fluctuating temperatures outside and inside of the school, students opted between donning summer shorts or bundling up in their warmest winter clothes to face the extreme temperature changes.

Even the warmest people thought twice before deciding what to wear for school. "People who wore shorts to school must have been really warm-blooded; otherwise, I don't

under the weather

Preparing to battle the snow and slush, Vicky LeVan puts away her light weight shoes and changes into more appropriate attire. Although cool temperatures called for bundling warm-weather clothes in the winter.

know how they were able to stand it." Holli McCormick said.

The temperature of the school brought students up in arms about what to do about the freezing conditions in the South building and boiling temperatures in the North. "If they just fixed the heat in the school, then there wouldn't have been a problem," Eric Ribble said. "In one room it was like a meat locker, in the next it was like a sauna."

Sometimes the temperature inside the school changed as fast as the weather outside. "Central hall and the commons was always the same no matter what time of the year it was," Christine Puchalski said

Although the climate in the school influenced dress, many still wore what they wished no matter what the

temperature. "If it was a hundred degress inside and I had three shirts on, it wouldn't matter to me as long as I was comfortable," Aaron

in the spotlight

everyone has their moment

"When you're walking from

Central and you can really

Jenn White

North to South, you hit

feel the change."

Preslin said From one end of the school to

the other, students planned accordingly for temperature changes and left the rest up to mother nature.



on their hands

Freshmen subconsciously resort to peevish habits when they have too much TIME ON THEIR HANDS

From tapping fingers against desks to childish name calling, freshmen encountered pet peeves throughout the school day

As the bell rang and teens filed into the halls, students found small annoyances in every corner of the school. "I hate when people in front of me stop to have a conversation with their

everyone has their moment

"I can't stand when people

Carrie Bedell

sniffle in class-it's the

ickiest noise.'

friends," Leah Shapiro, freshman, said. "It makes the halls more congested

than they already are.'

Other nuisancess included having to wait in long lines, whether for the bus or for lunch. "I really don't like the school food in the first place," Chris Cailis,

in the spotlight freshman, said, "But I can't handle standing in the lunch lines."

To relax or break the tension during class, students tried to ease nerves by cracking knuckles or bitting their nails. "It really bugs me when people crack their knuckles or backs in class,"

Julie Fekete, freshman, said. "It sounds so gross."

For some freshmen, impatience got the best of them. "Sometimes it really bothers me when people want to talk to me, so they constantly tap me on the shoulder," Jaeson Watts, freshman, said. "For some reason, I just can not stand it!"

Freshmen learned to survive the daily annoyances of harassment from upper classmen. "I hate when seniors yell at me in the hall, 'Hey freshman!" Carrie Witting, freshman, said. "I do have a name, you know!'

Not only did these pet peeves occur during the school day, freshmen still experienced them at home. "I hate not having a second phone line in our house, especially with two sisters," Katie Frazier, freshman, said

Day in and day out, freshmen had to combat small irritations.

worth the wait While contemplating whether to choose a white or wheat roll in the a la carte lunch line, Adrian Trel and Matt Kanopy, freshman, realize they have a long wait ahead of them.From upperclassmen cutting to 17 minute pasta bar lines, freshman received their share of annoyances in the Food Court.









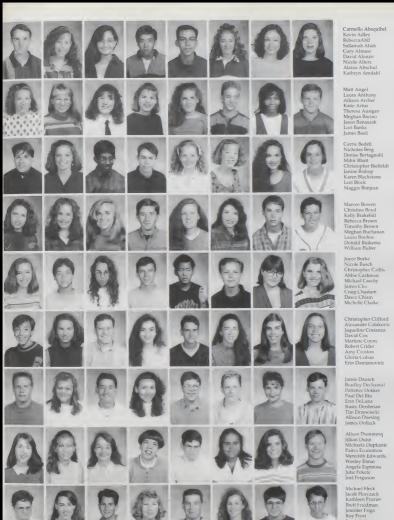












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Damien Gambill

Christopher Garcia

of the town

As freshmen gossip about the latest news, they experience entertainment and laughter while spreading the TALK OF THE TOWN

"No way. How did you find out?"
"Well, remember when I told you
about Stacy and Jim; it's true. Like
Susie told me that Chris said he overheard Cindy's conversation with DJ,
and they broke up."

"Can't be; I don't believe it."

"Well, believe it, babe, because

Susie's never wrong."

Whether talking about the latest

couples or the re-

sults of Friday's

quiz, freshmen

found numerous

subjects to gos-

sip about. "Ev-

erybody loves to

talk about boy-

friends and who

everyone has their moment

"You guys think I'm in a gang just because I dress in style."

Edgar Moore

in the spotlight

Corina Garcia Gabrina Garza Ronald Gaspar Lawrence Giannini Christopher Gibbs Jennifer Gillam Timothy Glennon

Jessica Gorski Kevin Gralewski Evan Greenbaum Shivroup Grewal Wesley Gribas Sarah Gribble Samantha Grigsbe Frica Gutjerrez

Erica Hanas Bradley Haney Charles Harvey Jill Heaney Lauren Hensley Leslie Hernandez Benjamin Hilt Alexandra Hinich

Jason Holajter Jeanne Horak Allison Horvath Kimberly Housto Sarah Howes Amy Hundley Brian Huseman Jamie Jabionski Kutansky, freshman, said. "The problem is that everybody talks too much about everyone else; people's words are often changed around."

Validity of gossip often depended on the reliability of the source. "I can trust my friends most of the time." Shelly Gordon, freshman, said. "Although, if you tell someone something, fire minutes later the whole school knows. Chances are, by the time it gets back to you, the news is totally different."

Sometimes teens exaggerated the truth to make a story more exciting, while others just loved spreading the word on the latest happenings. "I thrive on gossip." Kelly Kemock, freshman, said. "There is really nothing better than a good, juicy story."

Passing test answers and homework assignments from one student to another, students hoped to take advantage of the system without getting caught. "I think it's cool for the people who get answers," Andy Mikus, freshman, said, "But for the ones that have tough first hour classes, it's not fair."

"Okay man, so Susie was dead wrong about DJ and Cindy but you aren't going to believe what happened on Friday night..."

word of mouth

In between rushing for class and studying fo biology. Andy Mikus, Kerf Kutansky, Marin Mourikis and Meghan Bacino, freshmen, fine time to joke with their friends about the lattice to joke with their friends about the lattice of the council and homework assignments due freshmen needed all the time possible to relate and early away from their stress filled scheme.









































































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Jason Koscielski Steven Kotso Christos Kounelis Ryan Kouris Ken Kraynick Brian Krieger Catherine Kroczel

Keri Kutansky Kelly Kwasny Jessica Lanzillo Dana Lazar Connie Lecas Christina Lee Mary Lee John Leslie

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time on hand

Checking his watch in the middle of his first hour Modern World Literature test, David Cox, freshman, realizes he only has a few minutes to finish up. Students often lost track of time while concentrating on tests and inclass assignments throughout the day.

out of sight

Frustrated after forgetting how to translate her Spanish article out of the "Hola" magazine, Amy Stennis, freshman, takes a break from reading. Little annoyances like forgetting test day added to students' aggravations.





Karen Misch Maggie Morningstar

Steven Murray

Erin Orth Alexis Paganis Kristina Paik Timothy Paliga

for sore eyes

Forgetting exams and books in lockers, absent-minded freshmen view the day as a SIGHT FOR SORE EYES

With a swift mark of the pen, a student slashes an "X" across his hand, leaving a helpful reminder for the rest of the day

Trudging into North hall after a long weekend, puzzled freshmen stood by their lockers realizing they had forgotten the rest of their combination. "I never remember my locker combination and then I forget to write it on my hand," Kristina Paik, freshman, said

Armed with a can of Pepsi and unorganized notes, students scurried to study during passing period. "Once I forgot about a Modern World test and I crammed the chapter into my brain the hour before." DI Steinberg, freshman, said, "I guess I could have done alot better if I would've readthe book when it was assigned.'

For forgetful students, organizational skills proved helpful with the aide of a daily planner. "I have an agenda organizer that helps me remember my plans and my homework assignments," Debbie Kaplan, freshman, said. "I'd go crazy without it.'

Praying for a free hour, freshmen sweated it out during class while their books rested in their lockers. "I received a tardy because I forgot something in my locker," Andy Miller, freshman, said. "It wasn't fair

because I had to come from south."

Losing keys and purses left students stranded on their front stoop, waiting for someone to let them in. "I never have a key and after being locked out a couple, times I decided to leave one outside,

Kelly Kwasny, freshman, said.

As the day ended, the only hint of errands left to run remained a faded cross on the student's hand.

everyone has their moment

"You know, somebody starts talking and then all of a sudden you go 'What was I talking about?"

Phil Mihalic

in the spotlight

Jennifer Pleintner Katherine Pomroy Erin Powell Karen Prisby Domani Quagliara Nicholas Qualls John Ramirez

Dina Ranieri Sarika Rastogi Jill Reidlbach Adam Robertson John Rogan Robert Rogan Jason Rogers Kristopher Roop

Michael Rosenstein David Rudd David Rueth Mary Kaye Rueth Sheryl Russell John Rybicki Tim Sakoutis Pamela Samuel

Patrick Schneider Thomas Scully Jeremy Seaver Lora Segeleon Thomas Sellers Maria Sellis Jeffrey Semko Robyn Senchak

Kaushal Shah Sima Shah Sonal Shah Leah Shapiro Kelly Shaver Nicole Shimala Jessica Simon Richard Sluzewski

Jill Smeberg Anne-Marie Smith Jennifer Smosna Mark Sopata Elizabeth Spangler Jennifer Speziale Sharon Spicer Dennis Stacy

Briana Stasiak Duane Steinberg Sarah Stennis Jennifer Stopper Amy Strong Mike Stroupe Shaun Sumner Sarah Swanson

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Kanny Turke Jon Vander Wal Barbara Vaught Patty Verovich George Voukidis Michelle Vranesevich Peter Vrehas Robyn Wade





Mark Ward

Daniel Zabrecky Aaron Zambo



to the top

With special talents and varied interests, distinguishing qualities help freshmen RISE TO THE TOP

For a class of 300, standing apart from the crowd seemed difficult. With a range of activities, including modern dance and indoor soccer, freshmen displayed their talents in order to gain individuality.

Favorite activities allowed students to escape everyday doldrums. "Acting and dancing let me be myself," Alaina Altschul, freshman, said. "I began performing in church musicals in second grade, and kept with it."

Searching for a challenge, freshman played different sports for fun and competition. "I get to play hockey with people from different areas of varying talent levels," Chris Clifford, freshman, said. "I competed with the Homewood-Flossmoor House League on weekends, which allowed me to get more practice hours in."

Through helpful acts, students

movin' on up

Practicing for the next game, Lori Block, freshman, prepares a shoulder stand with help from Kay Watson, freshman. Selected last summer at UCA cheerleading camp, Lori marched in the Folly's Thanksgiving Day parade on Nov. 23 in Texas. used their specialties to aid others. "Interior decorating lets me help design and create my friends' rooms," Nikki Alters, freshman, said. "I work on the wallpaper and wall decorations, matching everything together."

Searching for a more creative venue, freshman expressed emotions and relieved stress through their hobbies.

"Guitar gives me a way to release my feelings," Aaron Zambo, freshman, said. "I've been playing since sixth grade."

everyone has their moment

"I can whistle like a bird. When I do it, people look around alll confused and ask 'Where's the bird?"

Jeff Semko

in the spotlight

Pushing

the television and telephone aside, talented freshmen focused their attention on a wide variety of activites. No matter what the talent, freshmen involved themselves with little extras that made them shine among the rest.

Mrs. Kelli Appel: Westlake Education Mrs. Mary Auburn: School Nurse Mrs. Colleen Bartlett: Westlake Education Mrs. Karen Bood: Westlake Education aide Mrs. Margaret Booth: Orchestra Director Mrs. Phyllis Braun: Guidance Counselor

Mrs. Elaine Burbich: Audio Visual and Mrs. Vicki Carroll: Non-educational Aide Mr. Phll Clark: World Literature, English Mr. Mike Coil: Biology, General Science, Mrs. Nancy Crepeau: Special Education Aid Mr. Bruce Curme: Physics, AP Physics,

Mrs. Dana Darr: English, Student Govern Mr. James Davidson: Drafting, Electronics Mrs. Karen Demitroulos: North Office

Mrs. Gail Denny: Introductory Algebra, Geometry, College Algebra Mr. John Edington: Science Department Chairman, Environmental Science, Biology

Mrs. Linda Elman: Spanish, Asst. Speech

Mrs. Helen Engstrom: English , Speech, Head Speech Coach, National Forensic League

Mr. Doug Fix: Composition, Government English, Asst. Dean Mr. Don Fortner: Business Law, Accounting Business Management, Asst. Speech Coach, Asst. Freshman Girls' Volleyball Coach Mr. Dave Franklin: Biology, Microbiology Asst. Varsity Football Coach, Asst. Dean Mrs. Patricia Golubiewski: English, World

Miss Marge Gonce: Audio Visual Director

Mr. Jeff Graves: Chemistry, Physics Mr. Ross Haller: U.S. History, Modern World History, Ancient World History, JV Boys' Basketball Coach

Mrs. Nancy Hastings: Journalism, Crier, Paragon, Quill and Scroll sponsor Ms. Kelly Haussman: Biology, Chemistry,

Mr. Art Haverstock: Environmental Science, Biology, Botany, Zoology Mrs. Kris Hoffman: Westlake Education aide

Mr. Richard Holmberg. Music Department Chairman, Choir, Choral Director, AP Music

Mr. Jon Jepsen: Physical Education, Life

Saving, Boys' Swim Coach Mrs. Barb Johnson: Math Department Chairman, Calculus, Trigonometry, College Algebra, Varsity Girls' Softball Coach

Miss BeAnn Johnson: Psychology, U. S Mr. Jack King Assistant Dean, Applied

Mr. Dave Knish: Special Education, Varsity Boys' Basketball Coach, Girls' Tennis Coach

Mrs. Renee Kouris English, Speech

Mrs. Linda Lemon: English, World Literature Mr. Kent Lewis: Sales and Marketing, Marketing Education, DECA sponsor, Asst Wrestling Coach Miss Paula Malinski: Physical Education,

Girls' Swim Coach Mr. Leroy Marsh Health and Safety, Weight

Training, Head Football Coach Mrs. Alyce Mart-Webb: French, French Club































































TONING it down

From driving to dancing, faculty members practice unique ways of TONING IT DOWN

When the bell rang, signaling the end of the school day, teachers scurried out of the building in hopes of capturing free time. Ungraded tests and papers drifted out of their minds as teachers found ways to spend their spare moments.

Much to students' disbelief, teachers led lives outside of school. As students searched for the perfect free time activity, teachers also looked for something to occupy their time. "I like to read about cars and visit [auto] lots, but I don't like model cars," Mr. Hal Coppage, history teacher, said. "I like the real thing,"

Searching for fullfilling activities,

teachers looked for the opportunity to squeeze in their favorite pasttimes. "[Dancing] is freeing," Mrs. Kathy Dartt, English teacher, said, "It allows me to be myself."

Trying to fight the doldrums of everyday life, some teachers found collecting items added spice to their otherwise ordinary days. "I started collecting figure owls when an old girlfriend of mine started me on it," Mr. Don Fortner, business teacher, said. "She thought it was a symbol of education. Now I have about 30 or 40 owl-related items."

Extra moments gave teachers time to enjoy activities that they normally

could not fit into their schedules. "I've been working with Mrx.Linda Hess, School Board member, to help organize the Democratic party in Munster," Miss Annette Wisniewski, Guidance counselor, said. "I've always been interested in politics, but was much more

involved in college."

As the new school day begins, teachers headed back to classes, falling back into the usual routine.

everyone has their moment

"Like Indiana Jones, I seek high adventures, explore ruins and ancient caves,"

> Mr. Jeff Graves, chemistry teacher

in the spotlight





listen up

While giving his advice to the actors of "The Drunkard," Mr. Gene Fort, social studies teacher, aides the cast of the fall play. Moving beyond high school drama productions, Mr. Fort liked to spends free time taking in cultural activities, whether in Chicago or New York.

the right key

In an attempt to teach Lenny Weiss, age eight, his weekly piano lesson, Mr. Phil Clark, English teacher, points out notes to "Mary had a Little Lamb." In his free time, Mr. Clark enjoyed playing the piano as well as instructing others on the instrument.

RIENDS among us

With faculty volunteering as coaches and sponsors, students gain FRIENDS AMONG US

When the average day ended, not a soul remained in the building besides those involved in extracurricu-

lar activities and the dedicated teachers who devoted time and energy to help them.

Coaching provided a casual atmosphere, differing from ordinary student-teacher relationships. "I enjoy coaching because Isee kids in a differentsetting," Assistant Football Coach Dave Franklin, biology teacher, said. "Seeing the kids more relaxed lets me get to know the real person and not some kid that is trying to impress me."

Teachers believed that sponsoring organizations allowed them to learn from their students. "Being involved in all my activities has been a really great learning experience," Project X Sponsor Chuck Schallhorn, social studies teacher, said.

Although teachers' main priori-

ties entailed lesson plans and grading papers, they also put energy aside for extra-curriculurs. "Coaching takes a lot of my time and l put a lot of my time into it, and when season's over l look back and know my time was well spent," Girls' Swimming Coach Paula Malinski, physical education teacher, said.

While many students and teachers filed out of the building to the sound of the bell, coaches and sponsors put down grade books and picked up organization plan books as the second part of their day began.

everyone has their moment

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Mrs. Mary Yorke, Speech Coach

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shining through

In hopes of a victory, Coach Chuck Schallhorn, social Schallhorn, social studies teacher, explains the game plan to the Cirls' Junior Varsity Volleyball Team. Faculty members volunteered their time as coaches and snewstry in orand sponsors in or-der to maintain better relationships with the students.



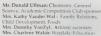
























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hand it over

After reviewing the daily attendance report, Mr. Jack King, Dean of Students, submits de-tention assignments to North Office secretary Mrs. Karen Demitroulas.

hang on
While contacting recruiters, Mr. Jim Bawden,
Guidance Department chairman, plans meetings to help seniors on their college plans.





in the spirit

Demonstrating their impartiality, Dr. Kevin principal, and Mr. Richard Sopko, cational system, administrators tried to accomplish changes to help improve the school.

To allow more flexible days, the administration composed a schedule which included daily Advisory Hour and a nearly dismissal on Wednesday. "Hopefully the Advisory period will help students, in the long run, academically as well as emotionally," Assistant Principal Mr. James Bawden, Guidance Department chairman, said.

Advisory periods helped students encounter a personal studentteacher relationship. "The Advisory period will hope-

fully give stu-

Wednesday's early dismissal allowed teachers time to plan their activities for the week. "Overall it's dents a teacher a positive step," Mr. Bawden said. "But reducing the amount of class

everyone has their moment

"Cooperative learning is one way of supplementing a variety of teaching skills."

Mr. James Bawden, assistant principal

in the spotlight

role model to identify with," superintendent Mr. Bill Pfister, said. "Advisory should be a positive experi-

table talk

At the Fall Sports Banquet, Mr. Bill Pfister, superintendant, and Mr. John Tennant, ath-letic director, discuss the cross country team successs. Administration supported athletic events when possible.

ing interpersonal skills."

The School Improvement Team continually worked to enhance the environment for all students. "Cooperative learning is one way of supplementing a variety of teaching skills," Mr. Bawden said. "Hopefully students will learn to share and communicate."

The Principal's Advisory Committee allowed for students to express their opinions and ideas to the administration at monthy meetings. They helped to resolve problems, such as the gang situation, through communication."The committee was pretty exciting and fun to be on," Jennifer Nellans, sophomore, said. "It made the principal aware of how students felt on important issues."

time may not be so positive." With dedication and motivation, the administration continued to discuss improvements to enhance the academic and social atmosphere for the students and faculty.





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TOP

While searching for the finishing touch for her winter wardrobe, Angie Kotso, senior, tries on a hat at Etcetera in River Oaks. Students chose between splurging or sawing as they hit expensive boutiques and resale shops.





"WHOOPS... I DON'T HAVE ENOUGH

time to shower if I want to get decent U2 tickets. I still have to camp out until the early morning for good seats. Wait... I have to make sure and get over to the

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ROCK AROUND THE CLOCK While doing a

Christmas shopping, Amy Boyle, sophomore, urges Gus Adamopoulos, junior, to purchase Madonna's new "Erotica" CD From jobs to holiday cash, students scrambled to spend their extra cash.

Town Hall before noon for Pete Visclosky's open forum, especially for extra-credit. Let's see—what can I do for dinner tonight? I guess I can jog over to one of those new fast food joints they put up..."

RELYING SOLELY ON A FIVE minute breakfast guarantee, the extra first hour tardy, and a maximum of 14 minutes and 59 seconds before receiving a truancy, students braved the traffic to satisfy their morning hunger.

WITH 32 MINUTES TO spare, some risked the consequences of going to lunch at one of the new fast food outlets, such as Subway, in time to be back for the 53-minute noontime fourth

hour.

IN A DESPERATE ATTEMPT TO

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At sunrise, teens begin

student arises from his soft, warm bed to face the crisp morning air, armed only with his morning routine to moti-

Morning Tasks

vate himself.

Several students began their day by going out to breakfast before heading into the school day. "I went to Mister Donut every day to pick up some coffee and a donut," Michelle Hatmaker, senior, said. "It gave me the sugar and caffeine to start off my day."

For those who preferred to sleep in, grabbing a quick bite at home provided enough energy to face the morning. "I just put a Pop Tart in the toaster every morning." Frank Wright, junior, said.

Ready to tackle another day, students looked for the most efficient way to get to school. "Walking to school took forever, I would not ride my bike, and the buses didn't come near my house, so I usually got a ride from my parents." John Ewing, senior, said.

Students who owned cars avoided such problems. "I could leave my house at 7:40 and still get to school on time," Mark LaMaster, senior, said. "I had a big van and no one got in my way."

Those who did not have automotive luxuries looked to friends who did for transportatioon. "I got a ride with a friends every morning." Rob Long, junior, said. "It beat riding the bus."

Although some students found it hard to make it through the early hours in one piece, most used morning rituals to start the day off on the right foot.



Breakfast club

Tired of the usual, Amie Swardson and Steve Kaiser, juniors, rise early for a hot meal. Eating breakfast out, students broke daily routines.

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ndless nights dragged on as tired teens stared at the clock, wishing the hand would move. Working odd hours, students learned to make sacrifices just to gain an extra buck.

Often, working dampered social life, but earnings made up for it. "I missed a friend's party because I didn't get off work until 11 p.m.," Rick Dawson, senior, said. "I was really mad at first but when my pay check came, I was happy."

For those overwhelmed by working tedious hours, resigning served as an easy escape. "I used to work three to five days a week, sometimes until 4 a.m.," Meredith Creviston, senior, said. "I came straight home from school to do my homework and I never saw my friends, so I quit."

Instead of abandoning responsibilities, other students readjused their schedules, "I used to work weekends and I missed out on a lot, so I started working Saturday mornings," Eric Trzupek, junior, said. "Then I got to go out on weekends and I still got a paycheck."

With big paychecks in hand, students realized the benefits of jobs, even if that meant working a strange shift or sacrificing free time.



ishing it out

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Pushing far beyond

Weekend a.m.

wen with the blinds drawn shut, the beaming sun still found a way to reach the sleeping student. Weekday or weekend, students realized that their rigorous schedules prevented them from dreaming the day away.

When alarm clocks failed, students relied on family for wake up calls. "I could never wake myself up for work," Craig Carnagey, senior, said. "My mom usually dragged me out of bed."

Although some wished to stay curled up in bed, others prefered to get an early start on the day. "I got up every Saturday to watch Super Dave at 10:30," Linda Regeski, junior, said. "It was just the best, so it was worth it."

With their figures in mind, some students used their mornings for exercising. "I was usually motivated on Saturday mornings to do 'Jane Fonda,'" Amy Hundley, freshman, said. "I didn't know why but! figured that I had better take advantage of my extra energy."

Interrupted by their 6:30 a.m. alarm, students' pleasant dreams had to wait for the next weekend.



stepping up

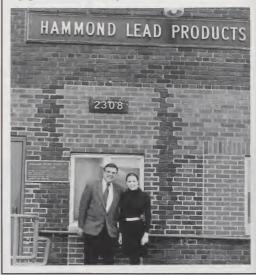
Battling through her step machine workout, Backy Manous, junior, works on the muscle tone of her legs. From working out to not waking up, students found weekend mornings the ideal time for participating in activities which they could not find time for during the week

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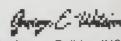
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Weekend afternoons also offered an opportunity to spend time with friends, whether playing sports, going out to lunch or just hanging around. "We usually got a group of people together and went to River Oaks or Southlake for a movie or shopping, Christie Wiatrowski, senior, said.

Running errands for their parents or completing tasks from the previous week, students couldn't always use weekends as they wished. "My mom usually sent me to the store or the post office early Saturday mornings," Tim Gordon, sophomore, said.

To catch up on lost sleep, some students rested instead of going out in the afternoon. "I usually got up around 3 p.m. and then sat around until I found something to do Saturday night," Tim Brown, freshman, said.

With activities such as Sega tournaments and shopping sprees, students filled their weekends with fun



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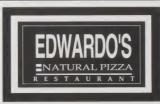
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Half-days

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For those not accustomed to getting a head start on their daily responsibilities, taking a nap seemed appropriate. "I normally went back to bed as soon as I got home considering that I was never really awake on half-days anyway," Chester Coffin, senior, said.

Students ventured to local restaurants to satisfy half-day hunger. "My friends and I went to two or three places to cat because we never agreed on one," Amy Bohling, sophomore, said.

Having prior engagements stopped students from going out on their half-day. "I could go out to lunch," John Leslie, freshman, said, "but I had to be at school in time for track practice."

Some students chose to go shopping on their days off. "Sometimes we went downtown Chicago since we had most of the day," Susie Baratz, junior, said.

Whether playing hoops or grabbing grub with buddies, half-day vacations became mid-week bright spots.



Practice makes perfect

Using the time off from a half day of school to practice for Battle of the Bands, Jeremy Keenan and Mike Stennis, seniors, make a quick sound check. Half days gave students the opportunity to run errands, do chores, or just lounge around.

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Afternoons

A s the substitute teacher read the day's homework aloud, a small clan of senior girls sitting in the far right corner listened attentively to each other's after school plans.

One girl decided to crash on her bed as soon as she got home. Another couldn't hardly wait to go to Shakey's buffet for a late lunch, while the third planned to spend some time with her boyfriend. Afternoons meant relief.

Passing up the \$1.50 Food Court school lunch, some students waited until after school to find a food alternative. "My buddies and I tried to eat out after school at least once a week, especially on Wednesdays since we got out early," Jeff Scala, junior, said. "I liked to treat myself to something mouth watering now and then."

While students rushed to Pizza Hut, others passed up a tasty meal and chose to hibernate for a few hours. "I went to sleep from when I got home until 7:30 p.m. and then I did my homework," Heena Shah, senior, said. "It was refreshing and relaxing.

Coming to class the next day, the three girls gossiped about their activities. Despite homework, jobs or practises, friends, nap time and food provided a needed break



ime Out

Lounging around after school, Angela Kolodziej and Gloria Cuban, freshmen, break away from their homework long enough to read the new issue of "YM" and watch Hard Copy. TV and activities gave students a chance to relax before hitting the books.

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ekend nights which consisted of dancing away at Jubilations or watching TV with the family allowed later curfews for students.

Couples had alternative options for weekend plans including going out with friends or spending some time with each other. "Shawn (Conley) and I usually went to the movies on the weekends," Mandy Blees, senior, said. "If not, we just rented one and sat at my house and watched it."

Downtown Chicago gave students a close experience for big city action. "I normally went downtown with my friends during the weekend," Peter Durham, sophomore, said. "We left after school, than we came home late Friday night."

Having prior obligations prohibited some students from going out. "I worked on weekend nights," Ulysses Rosales, senior, said. "It stunk because I was missing out on doing stuff with my friends."

Weekend nights provided an outlet for the stress resulting from a full school week. Students attempted to do anything from relaxing at home to keeping busy all day to pass the time until school started again on Monday.

Spending a Friday night at the movies, seniors Kent Boomsma and Amanda Schock, attend the film "Howards End" at the Town Theatre in Highland. Local theaters and malls gave students a place to go for weekend adventures.



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More of my fully recovered patients include (front row) Katie Larson, sophomore; Jessica Kaufman, sophomore; Doug Wadle, sophomore; Kristin Fisher, sophomore; Abby Levin, sophomore. (second row) Michelle Frankowiak, sophomore; Elizabeth Krol, sophomore, Ann Rawlings, junior; Amy Bohling, sophomore, Deborah Hesek, junior: Nikki Bartok, sophomore, (third row) Shelly Smith, sophomore; Jessica Schoen, sophomore; Tricia Kress, senior; Ryan Skaggs, sophomore; Jeff Alters, sophomore: Tim Gordon, sophomore, Dr. Lorin Brown, Steve Rossi, sophomore; Jamie Schatz, sophomore. (last row) Beth Farkas, senior; Greg Maurer, sophomore; Jeff De Vries, sophomore; Kelly East, junior; Scott Ewers, junior; Tony Burrell, junior; Troy Smith, junior.



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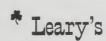


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After a 7-hour school day, students pushed themselves even harder and attended SAT classes. "College has become more competitive and I wanted to have an edge over the other students taking the test," Susie Baretz, junior, said. "An extra three hours on Tuesdays seemed like a little price to pay for the big rewards that it brought.

Other students took advantage of free evenings by squeazing in lessons in various sports and music, "Sometimes I took guitar or tennis lessons," Dan Byrne, sophomore, said. "It allowed me to improve my playing skills while taking advantage of extra free time."

With extracurricular activities taking up so much time and effort, many students crammed in their activities so that they could have the weekends off. "By the time the weekend came I was so exhausted," Sarika Rastogi, freshman, said. "Between organ lessons and tennis practice I did not have any spare time to relax."

Whether filling spare moments or just relaxing with friends, students used their occasional free time to explore every available activity and plan ahead for the weekend.

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Some students preferred listening to heavy metal instead of sea waves crashing against the shore. "I listened to Metallica and kicked to the beat of the drums," Micah Urban, sophomore, said. "My legs slowly got tired and l started to fall asleep.

With their pajamas on and slippers off, students grabbed hold of the TV remote and had late night talk show hosts put them to sleep. "Before I went to bed I had to watch the Tonight Show," Mike Mickow, senior, said.

After finally falling asleep, students awoke a few hours later ready to tackle a new day

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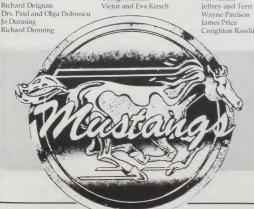
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29-Mrs. Meribeth Swartz replaces Mr. Doug Fix and Mrs. Tricia Hogan replaces Mr. Dave Franklin

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Maybe it was the walls, or maybe it was the hormones. It was probably just the fact that after staring at a blinding computer screen for seven straight hours, anything seemed possible

As the theme "Burnt Toast" was rejected by the adviser, the six top editors tossed around breadsticks and ideas on the grassy noel at Ball State University's Summer Workshop until "Every Minute Counts" popped into place. And, believe me, it's been like that ever since

-With a (phew!) minutes to spare, the Party chairman and Copy Editor display their infatuation for the band director by running down the hallway with their bras on their heads

-Fearing \$5 tickets for parking in the fire lane, editors scrambled to their cars until they realized the fire department was just testing their hoses. Mrs. Hastings had run some errands so they posed for some pictures with the ambulance. -As the "A" word is banned from the room, the Design Editor and Editor-in-chief form the Paragon Posse when a certain Crier editor catches

·Fights over so-called "chick food" and gy broke out during deadline weeks until the Photography Editor insisted that she could get us the best

deal because the owner was her cousin, unless the deal could be matched by the Associate Editor's neighbor or the Managing Editor's elementary school teacher

As time dwindled and breadsticks piled up, the top editors discussed their perfect mancomplete with Voit shorts, as the usual computer bombed, staffers fought over computers during Crier weeks, sounds of "Another one hits the box" sang through the room, and male callers stopped by

Volume 28 of Paragon "Every Minute Counts," was printed by Herff Jones, 6015 Travis Lane, PO Box 10, Shawnee Mission, KS 66201 with a press run of 1000. The book was printed on 80-lb. Bordeaux paper and sold at \$23 for the early order and later rose to \$25

The staff designed a vista custom embossed cover, using an Evergreen leatherette base material with Maroon and Rich Gold silkcreen paint. The white endsheets use black and forest green

All copy is set in 10 point Palatino, captions in 8 point Palatino and theme pages in 14 or 24. The theme page copy is set in Copperplate and Palatino, while headlines are set in Copperplate,

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The Student Life section used Palatino in 40% black for the main headline and Helvetica for the subheads. Palatino is used for the large letter. Main story mini-mag headlines are set in Copperplate with Helvetica Bold subheads.

Headline type for the Academic section features Helvetica plain for the secondary and Helvetica Bold for the primary.

Clubs main headlines and quote boxes were set in New Century Schoolbook with the secondary in Helvetica Bold

The Sports section also utilizes various headline styles for fall, winter and spring sports, as well as feature stories. Times Bold , Helvetica Bold and Palatino types are make up the headlines

Headline type for the People section features main headlines in Helvetica Bold 10% and subheads in Palatino for seniors, faculty and administration. Helvetica 40% made up the main headline with Palatino for underclassmen.

The Ads section utilized Palatino Bold for the feature headlines and Helvetica for the subheads

Because our Associate Editorsaid it was okay. we would like to extend our thanks to Community Hospital for their donation of soft chairs for our tired bodies when deadlines ran into the early morning hours; Susan Taylor for keeping her humor when she called at 12:30 a.m. and no pages were in the box; Mr. Dave Russell for his photographs which he graciously gave to us; but most of all Mrs. Nancy Hastings for spending endless hours dazzling us with her computer tricks, laughing as we shared our weekend stories, frantically printing photos for us as we strived to seal up the box, and, most importantly, giving us her knowledgeable advice on everything from zapf dingbats to Prom dates.



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19- The compound of cult leader David Koresh burns in Waco, TX. Over 60 people die.

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2-Senior Beach Party in the North Lot to celebrate graduation

JUNE

20-Cheers' last episode ends after 11 seasons of TV ratings dominance

IME WILL TELL ///////

"WHAT DO YOU MEAN WE ONLY HAVE two more weeks until summer? I've completely lost track of the time, let alone who's teaching what and who's in charge. Hey—pick up that Twix wrapper..."

WHILE TRACKING THE FINAL HOURS of class left in their daily planners, students were not the only ones leaving school June 4. After 24 years of teaching at Munster and 34 years as a coach, Boys' Swimming Coach Jon Jepson took his last lap around the teaching and coaching field.

SUFFERING THROUGH

second hour without a sugar fix for three days, famished students stashed their trash as part of the All School Clean Up Campaign that swept the school March 12 as a result of the Student Ownership Committee's attempt to keep the candy machines lit up during the day.

counts

WITH MR. RICHARD SOPKO

moving down the street to the Central Office as he fulfilled the position of the School Town Business Manager, Assistant Deans Mr. Doug Fix, social studies teacher, and Mr. Dave Franklin, science teacher, prowled the halls to track down unserved detentions, outbackers and lunch ditchers as warm weather increased students' desires to spend their time in the sun, rather than detention.

AS ADVISORIES CELEBRATED THE end of the semester and Senior Banquet petitions shuffled

through hands, the students and faculty made it evident that...EVERY MINUTE COUNTS



MONKEY

BUSINESS

Shocked by a gorilla-delivered surprise, Brian



11 a.m. allowed

prepare for the

students to

festivities.









TENAGE WASTELAND Frand of his accomplishments, Ron Magniola, junior, expressed his concern for the Auto Recycling Center fire in Gary. On Feb. 18 toxic tumes from the dump watted over Munster, causing an air alert and putting fear into the community.

CRINGE AND BEAR IT Trying to withstand the anguish of an ear prick, leff Bendis, senior, blocks a brief moment of pain. Even through the chaos of the last few weeks of school, students managed to give to the community during the Blood Drive on May 4.

OUT OF TIME

After 115 hours of preparation for the 135 minute performance of "42nd Street," Kristan Hatton, senior, Alaina Altschul, freshman, and Lena Aarstad, senior, wave a final goodby to the newlyweds during their rendition of "Shuffle Off to Buffalo." So...don't get caught up in the hustle and bustle. Get out there. Sing a solo. Dance a dance. And remember...









